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NEW TRIAL IS DENIED GILES BY JUDGE

GUN-MEN ROUNDED UP BY RICHTER

Nightwatchman O. Richter rounded up three gun-men Tuesday night on East Main street and turned them over to the sheriff's department. Three bad-looking pistols were taken from the car in which the men were traveling. The nightwatchman happened to be standing near a garage on East Main street when the car drove up about one o'clock Wednesday morning, and the visitors thought Richter was the garage-man. When the car stopped the nightwatchman noticed several pistols on the floor of the car, and two of the men carried belts and scabbards. Asked what they were doing with the guns, two of the men spoke up and said they were "just monkeying around." This reply did not satisfy Richter, and he informed the men that their "monkeying around" would have to come to a halt for awhile, and invited them to accompany him to the jail. The men protested, but the nightwatchman was insistent, and he marched them to the county bastille, where they were turned over to Sheriff Workman.

QUIET FOURTH OF JULY IN DECATUR

The glorious fourth was quietly observed in Decatur, a majority of the citizens taking the day off to go fishing or picnicking. A number attended the double-header baseball game in Fort Worth; others went down to Lake Worth to swim and witness the bathing beauty revue. All the stores in Decatur closed, and the town was almost deserted most all day. The national colors were conspicuous by their absence in the store fronts and buildings, with one or two exceptions.

Frank Green, the west side baker, made a splendid display of Old Glory in his large show window of his establishment. This fine spirit displayed by Mr. Green was the subject of more than one curb-stone conversation during the day. Mr. Green has been a full-fledged citizen of the United States only a few years, and his religious views are not in accord with the majority of our citizens, he being a Catholic. Yet, since becoming a citizen of Decatur, this man has met all requirements in good citizenship. He is one of the most industrious and wide-awake business men in town; honest and law-abiding, and by his energy and staying on the job from early morn until early morn, he has accumulated much of the world's goods. He is a moving spirit in all public undertakings for the betterment of the town, and it can be said that he is true to his country's ideals. We natives would do well to take to heart the enthusiasm and loyalty this foreign-born Decatur citizen displays in his respect to our country's flag and institutions.

NEW ROAD WOULD BENEFIT DECATUR

Cliff Cates, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and W. M. Love, county, attended a general meeting of North Texas chamber of commerce secretaries and county agents in Denton last Thursday. Many matters of industrial and agricultural significance to North Texas communities were discussed. Among them was the proposed construction of an east and west highway running from McKinney on the east to Graham on the west, via Denton, Decatur and Jacksboro. All of these towns are reported to be enthusiastically interested in the construction of this road which would make the shortest and most available route from southern Arkansas, Louisiana and the south-eastern states and East Texas to the panhandle and plains country. Such a road would not only convenience the farmers and traffic both east and west of Decatur in Wise county, but would put Decatur on another great inter-state highway. Secretary Cates reports that Denton and McKinney chambers of commerce to be more than ordinarily interested in the new project and at Graham, on a visit for the college recently, he found the Graham organization approachable on the matter and ready to help.

BOY WRITES FROM WISE COUNTY LAST

The following letter, received by County Clerk Jim Belew of Wise county, is self explanatory: Penn Yan, New York, June 26th, 1923. County Clerk, Decatur, Wise County, Texas.—My dear Sir: I am writing to you to ask you to help find out something regarding a boy from this county, who was last heard of by a letter written from Decatur, Texas. His name was Burdett James Phillips. He was a soldier in our army for several years and was stationed in the Philippines, but got his discharge March 7th, 1902. He traveled about and wrote to his mother from your county and said he would be home before very long. He was not well, and as her next letter to your city was returned to her as unclaimed, she thinks he may have died there. Other people wonder whether something else may have happened to him. His mother is on in years and she is very anxious to find out whatever there is to find out about him—if he is dead she must establish the proof of it in order to get a pension. He was her only son and she has no one to depend upon. She was a neighbor of ours for years and just reared the boy until he could have been of some help to her when he enlisted. So it seems that her claim for a pension is a just one. Will you help her.

Will you look in your records and see whether there is any proof of his death or whether he is mentioned in any way? You will be doing a kind act. May I hear from you at once? She is anxiously waiting to know whether you may know something of his fate. Thanking you, I am,

Truly yours,
HATTIE B. HARDMAN.

DECATUR SOLDIERS GO TO SAN ANTONIO

The local battery of the hundred and thirty-first field artillery left on Wednesday for Camp Stanley at San Antonio to attend the state encampment of the Texas national guard. The battery was in charge of Captain Newton P. Taylor. The men were feeling pretty badly on the day of their departure, as they had each taken three "shots" of typhoid serum during the three days previous, and all had sore arms.

The Decatur boys will be absent about two weeks. Following are those making the trip:

Newton P. Taylor, captain.
Henry B. Maddux, captain.
Gordon Roberts, first lieutenant.
J. M. Gibbon, second lieutenant.

Sergeants.

Arthur R. Nobles, top sergeant.
Foard Doyle, B. N. S. T. G. Major.
S. W. Gilliland
Reuben Johnston.
Keith Le Fors.
Oakesby Hague.
Glenn Miller.

Corporals.

Rawlings Taylor.
Oscar Ferguson.
Carl Schulkey.
J. C. Rogers.
J. P. Boyd.
Gordon Ash.
Willard Wallace.
Jim Smith.
J. C. Brown.

First-Class Privates.

A. J. Franks.
Hollis Greer.
Wallace Moore.
Volus Norsworthy.
Charles Privitt.
A. J. Taylor.
Arthur Washburn.

Privates.

Hugo Ashley.
Bill Bennett.
Matt Blackerby.
Brooks Boyd.
C. M. Davis.
Ben Ferguson.
Raymond Frank.
Robert Gibson.
David Hoffman.
D. I. Jones.
Ira Miller.
Roger Nobles.
S. J. Petty Jr.
Tully Judson Petty.
Willie Potts.
J. C. Shaw.
Gordon Slagle.
Claude Thompson.
Gene Thompson.
Wayne Thompson, mascot.

Charles Workman and family, Mrs. J. D. McCormack and Miss Nettie McCormack left this week for a camping trip to Oklahoma.

CASE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO STATE COURT BY DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEYS

Judge F. O. McKinsey in district court Saturday denied the motion for another trial in the J. A. Giles case, which resulted in a conviction for the former cashier of the Park Springs bank on a charge of taking funds of the institution on February 21st, 1922. The case will be taken to the supreme court by Attorney Frank J. Ford, counsel for Mr. Giles. Following the ruling of the court here, Mr. Giles made application for bail, which was allowed, pending his appeal to the supreme court. He was released on \$1,500 bond.

As reported in last week's Messenger, the jury assessed Giles' punishment at five years in state prison. The jury was thought to be hopelessly tied up after it had been out a day and night, the impression having gained currency that three of the jurymen were standing out for an acquittal. It was learned after the verdict was brought in that the question of a suspended sentence kept the jury from bringing in a verdict earlier in the proceedings.

Mrs. McKinney, the star witness against Giles, and who it was alleged left the state with the young banker after the "touching up" of the bank, left for her home immediately after giving her testimony in the case. When Mr. Giles was liberated Saturday he went to his home near Bridgeport.

Mr. Giles before becoming involved in the bank-swindling affair, was one

of the most prominent and progressive citizens of the Park Springs country. He was recognized as one of Park Springs best citizens, and for several years was the active cashier and manager of the banking institution at that place. Mrs. McKinney, who admitted on the witness stand of leaving the state in company with Giles, going to Kansas City, and then into Canada, operated a cold drink and confectionery business in Park Springs, her establishment being in the bank building block. Giles patronized the confectionery and there became acquainted with the lady. A warm friendship between the two sprang up, which resulted in something more serious, terminating in the sensational flight of the two from the state and a large sum of money missing from the bank. After eight weeks of "sight-seeing" and frolic in the northwest, the pair, at the suggestion of Giles, returned south, separating in New Mexico, where Mrs. McKinney stopped with relatives, and Giles returned home, coming to Decatur and surrendering to the sheriff of the county. Mr. Malone, who was sheriff at the time, testified that every effort was made to apprehend Giles in his flight, but no trace of him could be found. It was thought that Giles had gone into Mexico, and during the early days of the search several reports reached Decatur that he and Mrs. McKinney had been seen in towns in Mexico.

REUNION HERE TO BE COUNTY AFFAIR

That Decatur ought to have a big reunion this year is the sentiment that is rife in many people's minds the past week following the definite announcement of the dates for the August reunion. It was alleged that the reunion in reality is regarded not as a county, but a Decatur project and that the town is reflected upon when the reunion fails to go over with the big punch that ought to be put in it. The secretary was feeling put up to the chamber of commerce for action and, should the board of directors approve the organization, would take a hand in preparing a program. The suggestions so far contemplate a road on a big scale put on by the Fort Worth stars in this line, and other large feature. Given the finest grounds in North Texas—electric lights, water, space, pavilion and all other conveniences, together with a big population ready to go—if something worth-while in the way of entertainment is provided, the Wise county reunion can be made one of the biggest and most pleasurable events in this section as well as a big pulling card for the county seat.

Henry Madden and family were up from Fort Worth on the fourth.

SAYS BRIDGEPORT IS HEALTH RESORT

Howard Man, one of the most prominent merchants of Bridgeport, was in Decatur one day recently, and while here used up considerable precious moments trying to convince those who would listen that his home town, Bridgeport, is one of the leading health resorts in the southwest. "It's so cool in Bridgeport that no fans are needed," remarked the former Decaturite who has been banished to Bridgeport. "Why, I never unpacked my electric fans this summer—" which statement was interrupted by one to pay the juice bill." But Man was not perturbed by this, and continued: "The thermometer never gets above seventy, and at night we sleep under double blankets. Our doctors are all going to go on a vacation because there is no sickness. Our bathing beach is drawing crowds from many miles around, and our drinking water has that of Carlsbad beat a mile." Then, to those who had gathered to hear this spiel, Mr. Man concluded with: "You just ought to come over and cool off in Bully Busting Bridgeport." As the gang melted away from him one fellow fired this parting shot: "Well, if Bridgeport's a health resort, hades is an ice-house."

THE WISE COUNTY FAIR.

The dates for the Wise county big free-for-all fair are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 20th, 21st and 22nd. Plans for the event have been in the making since the chamber of commerce committee was selected early in the spring. During its tours over the county the past weeks the fair has been well advertised and local community spirit enthused. There is a promise now that an indefinite number of communities will hold local fairs previous to the county fair so that the products shown may be brought on to the county seat event.

Pure-bred stock men, poultry fanciers and keepers and the sheep association are manifesting the finest spirit of co-operation, the Wise County Poultry Association having already declared its intention of showing co-incidentally with the county fair. There is a tentative arrangement for showing all livestock specimens on the old International Hotel lot which speculatively will be cleaned off, leveled and sheds temporarily built thruout the west and north sides. New and fresh features of entertainment are included in the program, as well as other features of instructive and educational import.

Last year our people held a fair which has been praised highly ever since. With the same industry and a like amount of intelligent direction the occasion for this fall should excell in bigness and enthusiasm any event that has taken place before.

The chairman of the committee, W. P. Thurmond, is now absent in Missouri, but immediately upon his return the several committees that will have charge of the various departments are to be named and active work started on one of the biggest accomplishments in education, entertainment and pure fun-making ever prosecuted in the county.—Secretary of Decatur chamber of commerce.

NEXT TRADES DAY HERE ON JULY 7TH

The business men of Decatur will again compliment the out-of-town visitors to Decatur next Saturday, July 7th, with the gift of fifteen five-dollar bills, which will be distributed among the people present.

Five five-dollar bills will be given away at eleven o'clock and ten five-dollar bills will be given away at four o'clock. These gifts are made without any strings attached, and the plan used is entirely fair to all who come to Decatur on the day named.

Come to Decatur Saturday and mingle with your friend, and share the hospitality which awaits you from Decatur citizens.

Several merchants of the city are advertising special bargains for this day in this paper. It will pay you to read these ads and find the many ways in which you can save money by trading in Decatur.

MELON KING SAYS CROP IS PROMISING

Dolph Conley was here Tuesday from his melon farm near Audubon. When asked about his melon crop this season, he stated that prospects were fine for both cantaloupes and water-melons. He stated that he would have cantaloupes on the Decatur market by the first of next week, and that the quality would be as fine as he ever raised. Mr. Conley has developed some very fine specimens of cantaloupes and his fruit is popular here.

He also said that his melon crop would be ready for market in about ten days.

FIELD TRIALS MAY COME TO DECATUR

"One of the biggest chances ever offered the town," said a citizen of the proposal to hold the Texas field trials in the open country contiguous to Decatur. Harold McCarter went to Fort Worth Wednesday with an invitation from the chamber of commerce cordially inviting the sportsmen to assemble their winter meet in this vicinity in the fall. Thousands of columns of national advertising would be one of the big things gained if Decatur could secure this event, and Decatur is going to secure it if she can.

WEED CUTTING IN DECATUR NEEDED

Weeds, weeds, weeds! They are still here—millions of them and they are getting dusty and shaggy and insufferably ugly in the parts of the town where they grow. Lots of folks have been co-operating to destroy them on their own premises and along the streets, but lots of other folks haven't—that that's that. Are you a co-operator?

SAYS WILLIAMS IS GREAT FISHERMAN

A. Y. Leslie was here from Alvord Monday. He told a Messenger representative about the great fishing expedition that he and Congressman Guinn Williams enjoyed last week on the Cherryholmes ranch in Jack county.

A. Y. stated that the congressman is some fisherman, catching a number of choice channel cat and drum, using grass-hoppers as bait. "Guinn would go out into a field and catch one grass-hopper, after a hot chase," said A. Y., "and returning to the stream he would bait his hook. When a wandering fish would eat the bait, the congressman would land him, and out into the field we would go after another grass-hopper. It did not seem to appeal to him that if he would catch several hoppers on one trip much time would be saved, but whenever he caught one he would come a-running for the stream to bait his hook. We made a hasty calculation of the trips he made after grass-hoppers, and we figured that he walked and ran a little over one mile for each bait he used."

The fishermen were loud in their praise of Colonel Tom Cherryholmes as a host. "There are few men in Texas like Cherry," continued Mr. Leslie. "He is a prince of good fellows; a gentleman of the old school, and a man who has contributed much for the pleasure and enjoyment of his friends."

BOLL WEEVILS BE FOUGHT IN COUNTY

It is reckoned now that the majority of the cotton growing farmers of this trade territory are going to make some manner of fight on the boll weevil. Various contrivances will be used, ranging from the hand-picking and destruction of punctured squares on smaller areas, to the adoption of methods of home manufacture which, under use, will agitate several rows of the crop at a going and thus enable the farmer to finish the work on a given crop in quicker time.

Included in this list are poles and rods clamped across the cultivator, hobbles of chains and sacks on the cultivator feet for dragging over the rows and tree limbs and brushes cut from the woods. There is a large number of the regulation machine weevil catchers in the country and, with few exceptions, these are going to be put in use and others ordered. The weather itself being dry and hot is viewed as being detrimental to the multiplication of the weevil, in that many of the squares which fall off the plant are shriveled in the sun before the grub has had time to mature.

Dependence of the weather, however, does not characterize the attitude of the average farmer. Neither is he being dissuaded from the fight by the indifference of some men who do not believe a fight is worth while. He is simply going ahead and doing what he can to retard and abate the destruction of the past in the hope and under the conviction that he will be rewarded for his industry. And doubtless he will.

It now seems to be the consensus of opinion that prolonged cultivation and agitation is essential to a larger yield than would otherwise occur. Men who quit the crop early and turn it over to the mercies of the past are thought to be the ones who will have the less cotton to market in the fall. An opinion believed to be well founded has been expressed that it is most essential to go over the crop as often as possible with some kind of a tool that will clean and jar and keep the weevils in commotion and the injured squares knocked off, and that it will pay to cultivate the crop lightly ever so often until the yield is safely made.

The destruction of the weevil will be at its worst this month. It is then that the big swarm will come if it comes at all and it is then that the farmer must make his hardest fight if he gathers any cotton. It has been noted from the state papers that the counties east from here in the region of Fannin county have inaugurated great boll weevil fighting campaigns, and that they are resorting even to the offering of prizes for the largest number of punctured squares brought in. It is thus indicated that Wise is not the only county which has seen fit to wage a campaign for the purpose of bringing this great menace to the public notice, to the end that a possible and probable calamity may be saved to the farms and business industry.

A circular prepared by the Decatur chamber of commerce has been sent to all parts of Wise county. It bears the testimonials and evidence of farmers who have fought the pest by all kinds of contrivances. It pleads that men will lay down their prejudices and their hurtful beliefs and opinions, and make an honest, persistent, determined warfare against an evil that threatens the unsettlement of the best of everything we have so far erected. Until science triumphs over the weevil in some reliable and definite manner the only thing that farmers can now do is to follow the common sense teaching of the country, and that is to fight the weevil to a finish by the instruments at hand.

A protracted meeting will be started tonight by the Assembly of God church at their place of meeting in the Messenger building. Pastor J. Frank House will be here and will be assisted by other ministers of that church. The meeting will begin at the church, but will later be held in the open, on the lot just east of the Mississippi Store. The public is invited to attend all services.

WHAT THE HIGHWAY AMENDMENT MEANS

PRESIDENT EXPLAINS MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON JULY 28

NO BONDS ARE AUTHORIZED

Places State Roads Under State Supervision—Rural Roads Under Counties

Waco, Texas.—W. V. Crawford, president of the Texas Highway Association, issued today a statement outlining the provisions of the proposed highway amendment to the State Constitution to be voted on by the people on July 28.

"In spite of all the discussion in the press," he said, "there seems to be a widespread misunderstanding of the proposed amendment. The many inquiries we have received indicate that a great many people do not know what it provides. It occurs to me, therefore, that a simple statement of its provisions is very necessary."

"The amendment proposes to add the following provisions to the State Constitution:

"The Legislature is authorized and directed to provide for the creation, establishment, construction, maintenance and repair of a system of improved highways throughout the State, to be under the control of the State, and in order that the State may provide the means, revenues and instrumentalities for the establishment and maintenance of such system of highways, the Legislature is empowered to levy and cause to be collected specific excise and ad valorem taxes, in addition to those permitted for other purposes in the Constitution, but such ad valorem taxes shall be imposed only for the purpose of retiring the bonds authorized by vote of the people of this State as provided for hereinafter in this section.

"When said system shall have been designated and taken over for the State as provided in Section A hereof the Legislature is authorized to make provision for the equitable compensation to such counties for the value of such improvements as have been theretofore constructed by the counties in the State.

"Provided, also that, save for the State highway system, in all other respects, counties shall have the right to build, construct and maintain roads, turnpikes and bridges within their respective boundaries and the constitutional provisions relating thereto are not qualified or repealed by reason hereof."

"Then there is a section authorizing and directing the Legislature to enact legislation to put these provisions into effect.

"First of all it should be said that the provision which refers to ad valorem taxes can be ignored, for the section which would have authorized the issuance of bonds was stricken out by the Senate. It was intended to strike out also the reference to ad valorem taxes, but in the rush of the closing hours of the regular session this was overlooked. But it is inoperative and the same as though it had been stricken out. For it applies only to the section which was stricken out, and no ad valorem taxes could be levied if the amendment is adopted.

"If that point is kept in mind there should be no difficulty in understanding the amendment. It provides for the creation of a state highway system and for the levying of specific excise taxes for the establishment and maintenance of such a system.

"If the amendment is adopted the designated state highways will be taken over by the state and the counties will be relieved of the duty and expense of constructing and maintaining such highways in the future.

"The excise taxes it authorizes does not increase the power of the state to raise revenue. The state can levy excise taxes now, only they are called occupation taxes. But one-fourth of all occupation taxes must go to the school fund, and this amendment would make possible the levying of such a tax for road purposes only. The gasoline tax is an instance of this. Gasoline can not be taxed for roads without also taxing it for schools under the present constitution. Under the amendment it could be taxed for roads alone.

"And finally the amendment provides that counties shall retain all their present powers and revenues with respect to roads. This will relieve the counties from constructing and maintaining state highways and leave them all their present revenue for purely county roads. The provision for compensating counties for roads taken over is a matter for the future and will require further action of the Legislature.

"The system which this amendment would inaugurate in Texas is the same as that in operation in all the other states in the Union with the exception of two or three. A Federal law requires that every state must have such a system within the next three years or forfeit any further Federal aid in building highways."

\$75 given away here Saturday!

MRS. N. G. GOULD DIES ON SATURDAY

Mrs. N. G. Gould, an aged resident of this city died last Saturday morning at ten o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. McCarter. The remains were carried to Waxahachie on Sunday, where funeral services were conducted in the afternoon.

Mrs. Gould had been ill for several weeks. She was seventy-eight years of age, and had resided here with her daughter since the death of her husband eight years ago. She was born near Tupelo, Mississippi, but spent about fifty years in Ellis county, where for many years she and her husband were prominent and highly respected citizens. Mrs. Gould was a devout Christian, and her long life has been one of service.

Deceased is survived by three children, John Gould of Hereford, Luther Gould of Vernon, and Mrs. J. H. McCarter of Decatur.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH MILE POST PASSED

Tuesday evening Brother J. A. Smith, one of the pioneers of this country, had a birthday. He was seventy-seven years old. Not many men have ever passed that many mile stones with the sweet spirit and with the friends as has Brother Smith. It must be wonderful to grow old sweetly. Anyone can do it of course whose life measures up to the standard that we find in Christ Jesus. Grandma Smith is of the same disposition as Brother Smith and they together have many friends who wish for them many more as sweet and happy returns of the day.

Brother Smith enjoyed the evening and it is certain that all who attended enjoyed his and grandma's wonderful fellowship. Ice cream and cake were served and everyone had all they could eat.

May the one from whom all blessings flow crown the coming years of Brother and Sister Smith with happiness.—Spiro (Oklahoma) Times.

Rev. Smith is the father of M. B. and James W. Smith of this city. For many years he resided in this county and his work as a Methodist minister is remembered by many old-timers. He went to Indian Territory in the late eighties, where he was active in the ministry until his age prevented regular work. For a number of years he has resided at Spiro, Oklahoma, and his many friends in Wise county will be glad to know he is still hale and hearty at seventy-seven years of age.

PARADISE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb visited in Arlington Sunday.

W. L. Leachman was in Decatur several days last week.

Paul Webb came in from Fort Worth Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spain were here Sunday from Bridgeport.

Harry Read of the People's Bank, was a Bridgeport visitor Friday.

Little Misses Alice and Dorothy Daughterty spent last week in Arlington.

Miss Alva Morton of Fort Worth, was the week-end guest of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coffee of Fort Worth, are here on a visit to relatives.

Miss Opha Combs went to Fort Worth last week to accept a position in the city.

Miss Alice Alleman is here from Fort Worth visiting her friends, the Misses Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Siddons and Miss Trula Stutt were Bridgeport shoppers Friday.

Burley Mann, who has been with the threshers for several weeks, returned to his home here Saturday.

Miss Wilma Woodruff and sister, Mrs. Read of Fort Worth, are here on a visit to their parents south of town.

Miss Movelda Frost and sister, Mrs. Harry Read, were in Chico on business Friday. They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Vale.

Work on the Hunter well has been suspended for several days. Big things are expected of the well with a few more days' drilling.

Mrs. Lloyd Morton and children of Weatherford, were here last week visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dill Lindsey.

Miss Opal and Exas Golaz, Othella Jones, Georgia Robinson and Alice Patterson, who are attending school in Denton this summer, came home for the Bridgeport picnic.

Buster Klepper who has been making his home here with his sister, Mrs. Carl Golaz, for the past few months, left for Marlow, Oklahoma, Thursday, where he will remain for an indefinite time.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the kindness of the friends and neighbors who were so good when the dark cloud of sorrow came over our home, in the death of our son and brother. And to those who expressed their sympathy in beautiful floral offerings, we thank and cherish in our heart of hearts. May the good Lord bless you all, and when the sorrow comes to you may you find friends and neighbors as kind and good. MR AND MRS. A. C. BENNETT AND CHILDREN.

W. M. W. SPLAWN TO SPEAK IN DECATUR

Rev. R. E. Bell, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, is in receipt of a letter from State Railroad Commissioner W. M. W. Splawn, in which he states that he will be in Decatur and speak at said church on Sunday evening, July 8th, at the regular evening hour service. His subject will be "Triumphing Christianity."

Members of all denominations are cordially invited to attend. Walter Splawn is a former Decatur boy and has many friends here.

CULLING POULTRY FLOCK WITH CARE

The culling of poultry for vigor and vitality should be continuous throughout the year. In fact, any time an undesirable bird is found she should be culled out. In addition, the entire flock should be culled systematically once each year.

In looking over and culling birds throughout this section, I have noted two very important things. I have culled out as high as seventy-five per cent of certain people's birds. When you cull out as large per cent or more than this, it surely does not show up very highly for the ability of one as a poultry raiser.

I find a great number of people raising birds who really do not know the least about the parent stock of the fowl. This is very important; in fact, it is the basis of the production of poultry. Unless you are raising birds from a proven tested record fowl, you can not have much success in culling. Then, again, how can we give our birds a fair chance at the culling time if we have not provided properly for them to be good layers?

The best layer with improper care will very soon be culled out as an unprofitable bird. If you really want to give your birds a fair chance before the culling, stop feeding them haphazardly. Be doubly sure that you are giving them a true balanced ration of mash. Do not think that because your birds are doing fairly well now on your mixture that everything is setting lovely.

Keep an accurate daily record of what these birds have done thru the winter months. Almost anyone can raise chickens with rather good success thru the warm days, but what I am after is not to see a lull in egg production as soon as November sets in, but a continuation of a fair egg production thru the cold months also. Therefore, it behooves us to see that we have given the birds a fair chance to be good stuff if it's in their making at culling time. Get away from the poor-constructed poultry house habit.

Then when you do cull, cull with a purpose to build only for a paying flock of birds. Let's get rid of the old idea that a hen laying a hundred and twenty-five to hundred an fifty eggs per year on a stretch. If you have a bunch of birds that is under the two hundred and two hundred and twenty-five egg-laying strain, get rid of them and build your flock up to a paying basis. Remember always to have the real facts on the present stock when you cull.

Remember some of the following pointers: Any bird that remains on the roost late in the mornings and returns soon in the evenings, a crow head, sunken scale comb and a listless eye, shows lack of vitality and should be culled. Cull all early molting hens. A high-producing hen should, as a rule, have a broad back, a deep long body, well-shaped legs and a good full breast.

The pelvic bones should be straight and far apart, ranging in thickness from one-sixteenth to three-fifths of an inch, including the skin and the gristle. Inflexible and crooked pelvic bones indicate poor layers. The vent, the legs and the beak should be of a palish color, as the bright yellow indicates a poor layer.

After your hens have gone to roost following a rather heavy feed that night, make a careful note of all your light crops.

Follow these points and I am sure you will have a fair success in your culling. Remember this applies only to the mererian breeds on a whole, generally.—Al Olston.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

SANDERS & INGRAM

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 28th day of June, 1923, by J. A. Moore, clerk of said court, for the sum of fifteen hundred thirty-five and 63-100 dollars (\$1535.63) and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Martha Prince in a certain cause in said court, No. 5235 and styled Martha Prince vs. I. N. Elrod, L. E. Rives and O. A. Ashburn, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 2nd day of July, 1923, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Wise state of Texas, part of block No. 40 Bell county school land survey and described as follows: Beginning at the north corner of block No. 40, thence south 45 degrees west 655 1/2 varas, to corner; thence south 45 degrees east 1220 varas, to corner of south boundary line of said block No. 40; thence north 45 degrees east 617 1/2 varas, corner; thence north 48 1/2 degrees west 340 varas, to corner; thence north 8 degrees west 80 varas, a corner; thence north 45 degrees west 817 varas, to place of beginning, containing 137 66-100 acres of land, being the same land conveyed by John Pace et al to H. E. Prince of Record in book 53, page 528 deed records of Wise county, Texas, and by Mrs. P. A. Terrell to H. E. Prince as shown of record in book 57, page 49 of the deed records of Wise county, Texas, and levied upon as the property of I. N. Elrod, L. E. Rives and O. A. Ashburn and that on the first Tuesday in August, 1923, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door, of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said I. N. Elrod, L. E. Rives and O. A. Ashburn.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of July, 1923.—W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff of Wise county, Texas. By GEO. GAGE, Deputy. (July 6-20)

THINGS I HAVE NOT HAD

I pray I may be glad
For the things I have not had;
Glad that somewhere they wait,
And that near, or far, or late
I shall find them, lingering so,
In the dawn or even glow
With never a trace of tears
Left by the passing years.
They know not time nor space,
For they have not taken place.
Love which I never knew,
Beautiful, pure and true,
Awaits, and the distant gleams
From the hearth fires of my dreams
Which will one day come to be
Such a bright reality.
Glad for the past am I,
And for today's blue sky.
But I am more than glad
For the things I have not had,
—Elizabeth Scollard, in New York Herald.

Alf Brown was in the Newark country.

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THE AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

The German Offer.

By occupying the Ruhr the French have at least got from the German government a concrete proposal on the subject of reparations. The proposal was not satisfactory to France; no one expected that it would be. It mentions seven billion dollars or thereabouts as the sum Germany might under certain conditions be able to pay, altho there have been numerous semi-official statements to the effect that ten billion dollars was the smallest sum that France and Belgium would consider.

The gap between seven billions and ten billions of dollars is not, however, the discouraging feature of the German offer, for the note from Berlin expressly intimated that negotiations might result in an agreement to pay more than seven billions. The difficulty is that the Germans declare that the fulfillment of their obligations "depends on the stabilization of their currency," as if the allied nations were responsible for the depreciated mark or could by themselves do anything in particular to restore its value. The fall of the mark is the result of a policy directed deliberately from Berlin; it can be stopped only by a reversal of that policy; and so far there has been no serious effort to restore it.

The German offer also implies that the seven billion dollars can be raised only thru an international loan. Yet the bankers of the world have not shown any willingness to lend so large a sum to Germany and will lend it nothing until the government can balance its budget and stabilize its currency. Apparently therefore the Germans have merely offered an inadequate sum, to be paid under conditions that are not likely to be complied with. That the offer would be rejected was a matter of course.

Nevertheless, it may be the first step toward a settlement. Political necessity obliges the Berlin government to take rather high ground at present; it could not give in at once to the French without losing what slender popularity it has. But why should it not recede little by little from its position until it reaches a point where serious negotiations can take place? It has begun to feel about for a way out of its difficulties; it must find a way out of the situation in the Ruhr or go under. We do not think that it will prove at all impossible to reach an understanding on the amount that is to be paid by way of reparation. The hard part of the negotiations will come when the Germans are called upon to offer some form of guaranty that the French will accept, and when they try to find some one to lend them the necessary money. They can not

borrow much while the authorities in Berlin continue to regard it as good business to depreciate the currency. —The Youth's Companion.

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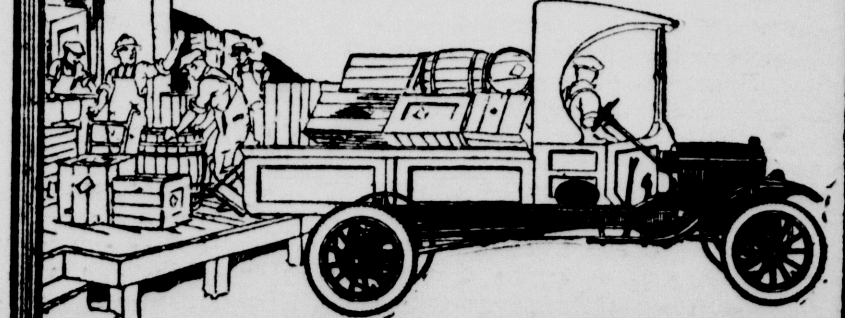
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—FRED FREEMAN

INITIALS

By CORONA REMINGTON

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THE big car purred along the concrete highway, whizzed softly past other motors and went on and on with its two happy passengers.

"I'm wild about this car, Dick. It moves so smoothly one hardly realizes it, yet we must be going pretty fast to pass all those other machines."

"Yes, it is a pretty good car, Florence," Dick Fortner assented rather uneasily. "And I love to go out in it with you."

"Thanks, flatterer," she smiled. "I won't tell you I like to go out in it with you. It might spoil you and you're too nice for that; it would be a shame and would make some poor girl unhappy one of these days."

"Some poor girl," he scoffed. Florence, for heaven's sake don't play with me. I'm too serious about it. You know the girl I want, and you know if I were through college I'd say all the things I long to say."

"Oh, Dickie, I didn't mean to hurt. Forgive. Honestly, I didn't know you were as serious as that."

"If I thought you weren't going to marry me I'd chuck everything and go to the dogs this minute."

"That's a nice way to talk. You know you have a little more backbone than that. If you hadn't I wouldn't even like you as a friend."

Florence Oliver looked at the well-cut profile beside her and her lips parted in a smile. Did she love him enough to tie herself to him for life? It was such a big question. Yet, when she thought of sending him away from her the whole world seemed to die.

"I don't know, Dickie, but I'll think about it, dear."

"Can't you tell me now? How can I wait another twenty-four hours?"

"Truly, I have no idea myself which way it will be, but I'll tell you tomorrow afternoon."

It was the longest day Fortner ever spent. He cut classes and wandered around, one minute in the depths of despair, and the next on the mountaintops of hope. At last the time arrived, and he hurried to Florence's home. She came to the door herself in answer to his ring, her face radiant.

"Well?" he asked eagerly.

"I can't endure the idea of giving you up, Dickie, so I guess I must love you enough."

"Oh, Florence, you angel!" he said taking her in his arms. "You could never have made any man as happy as you will me."

"You're an old dear and I'm sure you're going to make me happy, too."

The next day they took a long ride in the car to celebrate. Florence was like a child on a picnic, but Dick seemed a little preoccupied and solemn. He felt like a hypocrite, as if he had won Florence under false pretenses, and the harder he tried to confess the more impossible it seemed. She would probably scorn him and throw him over. Why hadn't he told her in the beginning that the car they were riding in was not his, but belonged to his generous roommate who had put all his possessions at Dick's disposal?

"You seem all blue and solemn, Dickie," said Florence after a while. "What's the matter? Can't you tell me?"

She was so gentle and sympathetic! His heart throbbed.

"I—I am sort of blue," he confessed. "Just blue, I guess," he stammered, losing all courage.

"Well, you must cheer up, Dickie, or I won't think you're glad. And I was about to suggest a plan, but now maybe you wouldn't like it."

"Course I would. Tell me."

"I—I thought it would be fun to meet your roommate. You've talked so much about him and I thought maybe we could all three have dinner together if you'd call him up. In a way he's sort of responsible for my falling in love with you."

"How?"

"I—I don't know and I'm sure you'll laugh, but somehow, I like you most when you're driving this big car. That was when you first thrilled me. You manage it so easily and look so manly. Oh, Dickie, you couldn't understand, but I believe another girl could."

"Oh-h-h-h! You frightened me so! I thought you were going to run straight into that other car."

"I came mighty near it. Sorry I frightened you, dear. Frightened myself, too, but somehow you upset me."

After a while he managed to say casually enough:

"But how did you know this car belonged to my roommate?"

"I knew his name was Jim Anderson and the initials on the door are J. A. A. so I guess I must have jumped to the conclusion, but didn't you tell me so? I was under the impression that you had."

"M—maybe I did," he answered after a while. "Sure we'll have Jim to dinner. I want him to meet my girl. I'm just the happiest fellow in the whole world."

"What a moody old thing you are, Dickie, laughed Florence, timidly patting his coat sleeve. "A minute ago you were so blue and now you're so happy. Men are such funny creatures, but I like them just the same."

Good Day Coming.

"We now have an invention from a Seattle engineer which puts in coal and takes out the ashes electrically," said C. H. Griffith of the Society for Electrical Development. "It remains now for the coal to be provided electrically and then we shall be satisfied."

TRADE WITH YOUR HOME STORE FIRST

It must be insisted that in the effort to build a town the big things must be kept to the fore in order that they may not be lost in the drivel of smaller business that constantly clamors for attention and usurp the place of the large if permitted to do so. The larger concern for Decatur is roads, the Baptist College, special lines of farming, the pure-bred stock industry, the making of streets and sidewalks, trade interests, home patronage, schools, good will, salvage of cotton farming, markets, promotion of more profitable general farming, health, sanitation, civic interest, recreation and social life. Several other departments could be added but these are sufficient to outline the broad range of vital considerations that demand the constant study and business-like handling of the public.

The type of conscientiousness and well wishing citizen will muse on this list and on other features not mentioned with a motive of discovering wherein he might render himself and his town the highest service and then to straight-way and accord that service.

Just at this time Decatur demands the service of loyalty to its trade interests. As a prime illustration, let it be suggested that Frank Green is adding to the environment of Decatur what promises to be a beautiful home—an adornment and decoration of the civic interests of the town. It gives all more confidence to see that home going up, more pride in the town because homes, good ones, beautiful ones, build good towns, add the factor of security to property interests and create general prosperity for the reason of being good towns. So we all derive a benefit from the work and example of the home builders of the Frank Green type. These steps forth then the claim of reciprocity. Frank Green sells good bread, and why do we not fulfill our obligation to that sterling home builder by eating all of Frank Green's bread we can.

Lillard's mill buys lots of farmer stuff and turns lots of money loose in the country. They make excellent flour and on the score of both reciprocity and economy, why not demand more of Pride of Decatur flour in our cooking? Why not patronize Fred Burtis' machine shop or manufactory as it is called, and eat more of Pinkerton's home made candy.

Giving community service along these lines will save many dollars to Decatur.

EDUCATION WORK IS DONE BY CLUBS

Agricultural club work is a great educational effort, the object which is to give boys between the ages of ten and eighteen years new practical instructions in correct agricultural methods, including the growing of crops, the breeding and feeding of livestock and the marketing of farm products. Its purpose is to enlarge the vision of the boy, give him a definite purpose and dignify the vocation of the farmer by demonstrating that intelligent labor applied to the soil will bring returns somewhat commensurate with the returns in any other line of endeavor, and an independence in thought and action far superior to the possibilities of any other lines of work.

Its ultimate object is to make rural life more pleasant and profitable and to maintain a high standard of citizens of the farms of the nation.

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I feel that your preparations, particularly Ferrasal, saved my life. I was advised by some of the best doctors in Dallas to have an operation for gall stones. I started taking Ferrasal and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me. I believe it will cure any case of stomach or bladder trouble if taken properly.—R. D. Elliott, 112 North Crawford street, Dallas, Texas. Fifty cents per box at Sanders & Ingram, druggists.—Adv. (23-ft)

In spite of repeated warnings from his father, Bobby persisted in driving nails into blocks and boards. He had arrived at the play at carpenter stage. One morning dad heard the familiar pounding, and looking out saw Bobby busily banging away—sister Mary down beside him, apparently looking on.

"Haven't I told you, Bobby, that you will mash your fingers if you drive nails?" the father asked.

"Yes, I know, dad, but Mary is holding the nail."

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NETTING NEAT SUM FROM HIS POULTRY

Fifty dollars a week clear profit from one phase of a general farm business is not bad, especially from a line that has been developed within the past year. But this is exactly the amount of clear money that a farmer of Central Georgia is doing. He is by no means a poultry specialist but, like a number of good farmers of his county, he became interested in chickens last year and has found them so profitable that he is planning to double the size of his flock.

In a recent statement published in his home-town paper he states that his eight hundred hens were netting him more than two hundred dollars a month clear profit. Wise county is coming into her own in the poultry business of late, and great prospects are indicative of some money-making in the poultry business here. The county has all the physical and natural resources that go to make her a big producer in poultry.

SHEEP FORGING TO POPULAR POSITION

Sheep have recently made such a phenomenal advance in value that they are becoming very popular with farmers as well as ranchmen, and there has been considerable trading and new flocks have been started on farms and ranches where heretofore sheep have not been maintained. This is a worth-while movement, and while the market value of sheep is now extremely high it is probably a good time to sell and realize a profit and at the same time it would be poor policy to dispose of the entire flock, for sheep that are well taken care of will produce a revenue each year at less cost than any other type of livestock on the farm or ranch.

Farmers and ranchmen are learning more each year about the various grades of wool and also how to concentrate and get the top price for their products. Competition among buyers promises to be extremely active this year and the price is much above the average of the last five to ten seasons. In fact, wool is selling locally almost three times as high as it did in 1921, some sale having been reported as high as sixty cents per pound. At this price there is considerable profit from the wool over and above the cost of maintaining the sheep on the farm or ranch, and the increase in lambs which almost amounts to one hundred per cent may be considered clear gain.

ELIMINATE SCRUBS FROM BLOOD HOGS

To realize a greater gain from hogs the scrub stock must be banished. It has been proven time after time that pure-breds gain more pounds of weight on the same feed than do scrubs.

Corn-fattened pork is high meat. To get the full food value of corn it must be fed with tankage, buttermilk or skimmed-milk with access to good grasses.

Most farmers think a hog will not fatten unless confined in a very small pen. Why they prefer a pen with all its filth and mire to an open grass pasture such as cow-peas, soy beans or clovers is difficult to understand. A hog thrives under clean sanitary conditions the same as does a person. A good pasture is as important for profitable hog raising as a full corn crib.

Another thing that is not given enough attention by the average hog raisers is the mode of marketing. A bunch of hogs that are nearly the same size, shape and coloring will bring much more than a mixed drove. It does not pay to market all sizes, ages, shapes and colorings in the same lot.—Progressive Farmer.

Teacher—"Do you know anything worse than a giraffe with a stiff neck?"

Pupil—"es, sir."

Teacher—"What?"

Pupil—"A centipede with corns."

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian and Mr. and Mrs. Venor Patterson spent the fourth fishing in Blue Hole.

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Kill the Chigger.

Fish are now biting fine; also the chiggers and mosquitoes. Take along a bottle of Quick-Kill Chigger Lotion. It kills the chigger; stops the itching; heals the bite. Sold by SANDERS & INGRAM, Decatur, BOBO DRUG STORE, Rhome, ACKER DRUG STORE, Slidell, DAVIS DRUG STORE, Greenwood, WREN DRUG STORE, Boyd, CITY DRUG STORE, Alvord.

NOTICE!

The Paradise State Bank of Paradise, Texas, has made application to the comptroller of currency to convert said bank into a national bank. (6-1 7-6) W. A. GREEN, Cashier.

Men's work shoes for \$1.95 at Rieger Brothers.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon William Sweeney and the unknown heirs of William Sweeney, Fry Carpenter and the unknown heirs of Fry Carpenter, David Smith and the unknown heirs of David Smith, George F. Carpenter and the unknown heirs of George F. Carpenter, Sallie Carpenter and the unknown heirs of Sallie Carpenter, Lee Newton and the unknown heirs of Lee Newton, Rhoda Sweeney and the unknown heirs of Rhoda Sweeney, William B. Sweeney and the unknown heirs of William B. Sweeney, Mary M. Braswell and the unknown heirs of Mary M. Braswell, Samuel Braswell and the unknown heirs of Samuel Braswell, James Carpenter and the unknown heirs of James Carpenter, Elijah Peters and the unknown heirs of Elijah Peters, Samuel A. Smith and the unknown heirs of Samuel A. Smith, J. B. Smith and the unknown heirs of J. B. Smith, E. L. Dahoney and the unknown heirs of E. L. Dahoney, Rufus Smith and the unknown heirs of Rufus Smith, Sallie B. Smith and the unknown heirs of Sallie B. Smith, Aradia Ferguson and the unknown heirs of Aradia Ferguson, William Ferguson and the unknown heirs of William Ferguson, Helen Reynolds and the unknown heirs of Helen Reynolds, P. L. Reynolds and the unknown heirs of P. L. Reynolds by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the fourth Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5273, wherein E. B. Brown is plaintiff and all of the foregoing named parties commanded to be summoned are defendants, and said petition alleging a suit in trespass to try title, alleging that on June 5th, 1923, plaintiff was in possession of and seized possessed of the following described tract of land situated in Wise county, Texas, being the William Sweeney survey, patented to the heirs

of William Sweeney August 13th, 1873, patent No. 557, volume 19: Beginning at the north corner of the Ben McGaha survey on the southeast line of the Robert Cowan survey; thence north 45 east 2215 varas to Cowan's east corner, pile of stone for corner; thence south 45 east 418 1/2 varas, a corner; thence east 600 varas, a corner; thence south 45 east 824 1/2 varas, a corner; thence north 45 east 696 varas, a corner; thence south with the line between Denton and Wise county 2571 varas, a corner; thence north 45 west with McHall's northeast line 917 varas, a corner; thence north 45 east 113 varas, a corner; thence north 45 west with northeast line Wood survey 1586 varas, a corner; thence south 45 west with Wood northwest line 1576 varas, a corner, pile of stone in McGaha northeast line; thence north 45 west with McGaha's northeast line 1011.3 varas, the beginning. That on said date all of the defendants entered said premises and dispossessed plaintiff of same and now unlawfully withhold such possession from him. That plaintiff and those under whom he holds have had the peaceable adverse possession of said premises claiming, using and cultivating the same by deeds duly registered and paying all taxes due thereon for more than five years prior to June 5th, 1923. And plaintiff alleges that he has cultivated and enjoyed said lands with those under whom he claims for more than twenty-five years under deeds duly registered, claiming same by a regular chain of title for said period, the title to same having passed out of the state and plaintiff pleads the ten-year statute of limitation; claiming to have had the peaceable adverse possession of said lands and had same under fence for more than ten years prior to June

5th, 1923. Plaintiff sues for the title and possession of said premises for restitution of same and general relief. Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 6th day of June, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (Jun 15-July 6)



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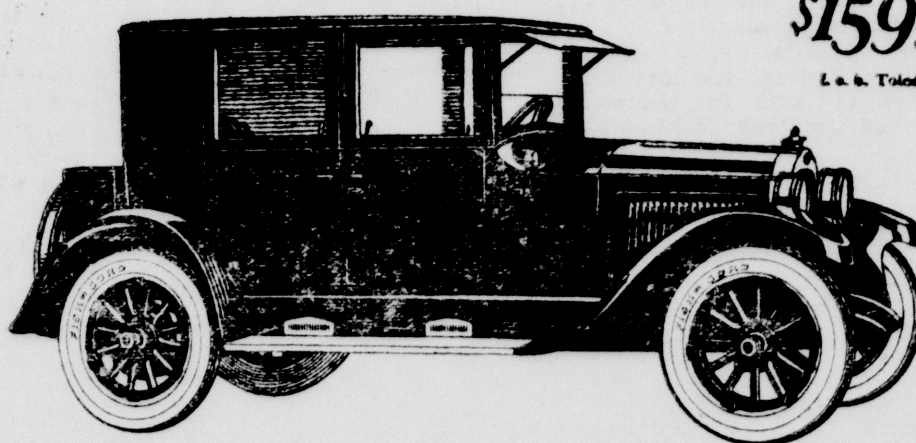
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Wherever a man travels he finds only himself.

As President Harding nears Alaska his speeches get cool.

The timid man never creates anything. He who would make must dare.

The unpleasant things about your job are what make the job worth paying for.

Just a short time until the Wise county watermelon will be smiling on the vine.

Too many reformers who have failed miserably to start the reformation at home.

As we understand it, the advantage in having a swan-like neck is that she can wear longer ear-rings.

If your door yard does not look well to you, it certainly does not look any better to your neighbors.

Rev. Norris is spreading it on; he smiles when he puts the paddle to his enemies—and you have heard about these smiling fellows when in a contest.

A former American navy captain is now at the head of the Chinese army. One thing certain, the gentleman will get his laundry when promised.

The fellow who thinks he can reduce his expenses by cutting down on his advertising can obtain quicker and more lasting results by cutting his wind-pipe.

To impress upon a non-union worker the necessity of joining up with the organization, a union man in Kansas City the other day slugged to death J. A. Rose.

We have been all set and ready to report a gusher in the Wise county field for many months. In fact, out set and ready machinery is growing rusty for lack of activity.

If the dam at Lake Decatur were ten feet higher, we would have the best lake in the state; water enough to supply the sweet old town for months and months of the rain god's vacation.

Writers who have worn out their superlatives need not try to invent new ones. The simpler way is for them to leave out all superlatives and notice how their writing gains in emphasis.

The Dallas baseball team continues to turn third in the state league. But wait a few days longer, gentlemen; watch that sporting Jew come to the front. Keep your eye on Dallas in the Texas league.

One reason why farm products are not so high priced as other things is that the demand for most farm products is not cumulative. People can not put off eating till another year and then come to the table with a double appetite.

Heard a fellow make an unkind remark about his neighbor's daughter, criticising her dress. While he was talking his own dimpled darling passed, and she had the swag of a sport, and her dress was little short of vulgar. Funny, isn't it?

In the meantime, let's kill out the weeds and the stray dogs. What became of that nice little ordinance the city council passed, prohibiting the running at large of dogs whose necks were not properly decorated with a collar carrying a brass tax receipt?

Another "bravest soldier in the United States army" has been found, and this time he turns out to be a Texan. Fair enough. The old state was slow in getting the recognition, but we felt all along we would get ours when the other commonwealths got their supply. Let Texas do as well for her hero as Tennessee did for Alvin York.

Billy Moore, for a number of years a popular hotel man of Fort Worth, has been named postmaster of that city. Moore is fat, good-natured and is a post-graduate in courtesy. He is a republican, of course, but his long training with saintly democrats has handsomely equipped him for public service.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, says Dr. Norris is a joke, not worthy of belief, and is a back number in the onward march of Texas Baptists. Dr. Norris denies the charges and accusations of Dr. Brooks, and comes back with the charge that the Baylor head is out of line with the good Baptists of the state. It's a merry contest, and with a hot summer coming on, some lively times are expected.

A "Neff-for-president" club has been organized in Burleson county. No; not president of State University, but president of these United States, to succeed Warren G. Harding; to occupy the chair that has been held down by George Washington, Abe Lincoln, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson and other distinguished and able gentlemen. Yes-sir-ee, a "Neff-for-president" club has been organized in Burleson county.

The socialist party remains the propagandist of the philosophy rather than a political organization. At its recent convention in New York it rejected the overtures of the farmer labor party and of other elements of our citizenship that control an appreciable number of votes—overtures that looked toward the union of various protesting groups into one national labor party. The socialists are clear enough in their minds about communism, and none of their recognized leaders express any sympathy to that form of social organization; but the convention did vote that the soviet government ought to be recognized.

Those who are curious in such matters are trying to decide whether the Fords or the Rockefellers are the richest family in the world. The discussion was aroused by the statement of the Ford Motor Company's financial condition. It reveals assets of \$536,351,939 of which \$19,695,687 is in ready cash. Mr. Rockefeller may at one time have had more than that, but he has given away a good deal, and if he and his son do really control a larger fortune it is probable that it is invested in such a way as to bring in an income smaller than that of the Fords, father and son. The net profits of the Ford business are estimated to be something like \$119,000,000 a year.

A constable out in Cisco shot down a man. The published reports of the tragedy pointed to something akin to cold-blooded murder. The trial was staged in the district court. A jury of "peers" was selected with much pains. The testimony was damaging in the extreme against the killer. The lawyers made feeling arguments, and the jury retired. Eleven men, good and true, immediately arrived at a verdict—eleven out of twelve. One man opposed the verdict reached by the eleven. A tied-up jury resulted, and the constable was liberated on bond, to await the result of another trial. In the meantime the tax-payers of Eastland county are digging deep in their pockets to pay the cost of a trial that one man out of an even dozen saddled upon them.

John Beall Sneed, a killer with several notches on his gun-handle, was shot and dangerously wounded while getting in his car at Paducah Monday afternoon. A fellow by the name of Berry was arrested shortly after the shooting. Sneed was carried to a sanitarium in Quanah, where a number of buckshot were taken from his body. He will recover. Several years ago, Sneed went on the war-path and killed A. C. Boyce, a prominent citizen of Amarillo. A jury acquitted him, and a few years later a son of Boyce was killed by Sneed. Again a jury acquitted the killer. For a number of years the gun of Sneed was inactive. Then not long ago, hostilities broke and Sneed's son-in-law was killed by a man by the name of Berry. Shortly after Berry was liberated on bond Sneed pumped his hide full of shot. Berry recovered and disappeared from Paducah. On Monday he showed up and shot Sneed down, two charges of buckshot entering his back. Judging by the record, more shots are to be fired.

We grumble at our income tax, which for the ordinary citizen is only about one twenty-fifth of what he earns. In England the man of the same moderate income has had to pay the government one dollar and fifty cents out of every five dollars he earns; and the chancellor of the exchequer was hailed as a benefactor of the nation because he thinks he can bring the tax down to a dollar and a quarter out of five dollars. Furthermore, only incomes of less than seven hundred and fifty dollars a year are exempt, and the married man's exemption is only five hundred dollars with not more than two hundred and eighty dollars more for his children. Taxation here is heavy, as we all know, but it is of feather-weight compared with what the European nations must submit to.

Newspaper Rules.

A Texas editor recently issued the following rules, which explain themselves:

"Fifty cents will be charged per line for all obituary notices of business men who get their job printing in another city; twenty-five cents per line will be charged for like notices to all business men who do not advertise, while all delinquent subscribers will be charged fifteen cents per line on passing out to the new Jerusalem. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive the best there is in the shop free gratis when they shuffle off.

"Those who extend the paper no support whatsoever and go around knocking the editor, or the paper, or lambasting the community and its citizens, drop banana peelings on the side-walks, spit like a dime or try to sell us gold bricks, will be given the truth, which won't look good in print when they give up the ghost.

"Better send in your orders for job printing and advertising, pay up your subscription, get to boosting this paper and its editor and speak in glowing terms of the town and its people, for an epidemic of hog cholera is said to be abroad in the adjoining community."

Contrary Minded.

It is a serious disadvantage to one to acquire a reputation for being contrary minded. Few persons who are unpopular really glory in their unpopularity, even the some of them make a pretense of doing so. And the contrary minded person speedily becomes unpopular, often to his astonishment and dismay. He does not understand why the faithful performance of his function in life, which is to save people from committing mistakes, should react so unfavorably on his own welfare.

Usually it isn't so much the contrary minded person's contrariness that people object to as his manner of showing it. Criticism that may be almost wholly destructive may be presented in such a way as to be acceptable—first, if it is asked for, not officiously volunteered, and next if it is expressed in considerate and not in disparaging or sneering or exultant terms. There seems to be something in the temperament of the contrary minded person that makes it difficult for him to be tactful in his treatment of the issues that he is constantly encountering. He takes up each one in a spirit of intolerance that is provocative of trouble with those on the other side. Thin-skinned himself, he fails to realize that people who don't agree with him may also be sensitive.

To have a regard for other people's feelings even while pointing out the erroneous workings of their minds should be a guiding principle of those who are contrary minded. If they would bring other persons round to their way of thinking more often than they do. And sometimes that would be desirable, for events do sometimes prove that the contrary minded were right.

Blinks, after inviting his friend Jinks to dinner, was telling him about the remarkable memory of his little son, Bobby.

"And do you think he will remember me?" asked Jinks.

"Remember you? Why, certainly he will."

An hour later they entered the house, and after Jinks had greeted Mrs. Blinks, he called Bobby over to him.

"And do you remember me, my little man?"

"Course I do. You're the man that pa brought home last year, and made ma so wild about it that she didn't speak to pa for a week."

City Chap—"Boy, your corn's kind of yellow."

Country Boy—"Yes, sir. That's the kind we planted."

City Chap—"You'll only get about half a crop."

Country Boy—"Yes, sir. The land lard gets the other half."

City Chap—"Say, there isn't much difference between you and a fool."

Country Boy—"No, sir—only the fence."

Hubby came home and found an argument going on. His wife was trying to give a bridge party.

"What's the row?" he demanded.

"One of the guests is threatening to walk out," explained his wife in a whisper. "I must conciliate her."

"Conciliate nothing. Let her walk out."

"Can't be done, hubby. She'll walk out with six chairs and four bridge tables I borrowed from her."

PHOOLISHNESS

By M. Dash.

Temperance Lecturer—"Look at the homes whiskey has wrecked."

Drunk (hic)—"Yesh, but jush look at she ships she water hash wrecked."

Policeman—"Didn't you hear me call you to stop?"

Driver—"I didn't know it was you. I thought it was some one I'd run over."

Daughter—"May I go to a wedding father?"

Father—"Must you go?"

Daughter—"I suppose so. I'm the bride."

"Gladys has just got a job as detective in one of these big ships."

"I don't envy her, do you? Fancy being known as a 'plain-clothes' woman!"

The Poet—"The editors bought my 'Ode to a Sparrow'—he was crazy to print it."

The Critic—"That's what I thought when I read it!"

"My father was once the principal factor at a great public function when the platform fell."

"And did he fall to the ground?"

"Oh, no. The rope stopped him."

"Your honor, my wife has been drawn on the grand jury. Will you excuse her?"

"What's her excuse?"

"She says she has nothing suitable to wear."

First Girl—"Can't you drive that car yet? Why Mr. Goldbrock has been giving you lessons for at least a month."

Second Girl—"Yes, I know—but he hasn't proposed yet!"

Before our agrarian population had taken so enthusiastically to the auto, two farmers drove into town in an old spring wagon pulled by a very bony nag. The little burg had just been incorporated, and among the evidences of this was a brand-new sign at the town line: "Speed limit, ten miles an hour." Observing this, the driver began whipping up his steed vigorously.

"What's yo' hurry?" demanded his companion in mild astonishment.

"See that sign?" returned the other. "But I dunno if I can make it or not."

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

The clouds are gentle peaceful things They sail along in aimless ways. Who'd think that they were mean enough To rain right down on picnic days?



20 YEARS AGO

File of July 3, 1903.

Captain Bob Simmons is rapidly improving, we are glad to relate.

Mr. and Mrs. Furd Halsell entertained at finch Tuesday evening.

Miss Addie Hambright of Rhome, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Helm.

Postmaster T. L. Ball is at his post again after an illness of several days.

Miss Mattie Evans of Waggoner, Indian Territory, is here visiting her cousin, Miss Ella Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCarter went to Mineral Wells Sunday to visit the family of Judge R. E. Hendry.

Miss Bessie Roberts entertained her friends very pleasantly last Tuesday evening with a finch party.

Rev. W. M. Leatherwood will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday. Special music will be arranged and a good sermon is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Ben Ratliff, formerly of the Muse community but now a clerk in the Fort Worth post office, and Miss Matthews, an accomplished lady of Fort Worth, were married on last Wednesday by Rev. R. C. Armstrong at the home of the bride in South Fort Worth. The bride and groom visited in and near Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

LIFE WISDOM

By Noted Authors.

Yesterday this day's madness did prepare.—Omar.

Knowledge is the knowing that we can not know.—Emerson.

The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.—Hare.

Do the truth you know and you shall learn the truth you need to know.—MacDonald.

Most men of action incline to fatalism and most men of thought believe in providence.—Balzac.

Love, beauty, joy and worship are forever building, unbuilding and rebuilding in each man's soul.—Plotinus.

To act in accordance with our knowledge of right and wrong is the moral part; to know right and wrong is the intellectual part.—Anon.

Man is saved by love and duty, and by the hope that springs from duty, or rather from the moral facts of consciousness, as a flower springs from the soil.—Amiel.

We should put the man who thinks and speaks directly, and whose words have always been made good, against the man whose adroit and facile elocution is used to conceal his plans or his want of plans.—Roosevelt.

The will of the pure runs down from them into other natures, as water runs down from a higher into a lower vessel. This natural force is no more to be withheld than any other natural force.—Emerson.

They say, miracles are past; and we have our philosophical persons, to make modern and familiar, things super-natural and causeless. Hence is it that we make trifles of terrors; ensconcing ourselves into seeming knowledge, when we should submit to an unknown fear.—Shakespeare.

Lecturer—"Allow me to repeat the words of the immortal Webster, before I close—"

Hayseed (to wife)—"Land sakes, Maria, let's git out o' here. He's a-goin' ter start in on the dictionary."

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100 pairs one-strap pumps, \$3.50 to \$5.00 values . . .	\$2.48
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One counter children's slippers, per pair only	\$1.00
65c brown sheeting, two yards for	\$1.00
36-inch percale, per yard only	16c
15c percales, per yard only	10c
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\$75.00 TO BE GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY—NOTHING TO BUY—JUST REGISTER YOUR NAME!

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index.)

J. L. Smith and Miss Birdie Hendricks were united in marriage at Fort Worth June 16th. They kept the matter secret for some time, but now it is out and they are receiving the belated congratulations of numerous friends.

Raymond Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pate, is at home here on furlough to visit his parents and his boyhood friends. He is a first-class seaman on the battleship Idaho, now at San Francisco, California. Raymond entered the navy three years ago and his recently re-enlisted.

The dwelling house of Jess Walker, two miles east of town, was destroyed completely by fire during Tuesday night. Origin of the fire is unknown and the flames had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save but little of the household goods. A few articles were gotten out, but the dwelling with practically all contents is a total loss with no insurance.

Mr. J. W. Cheeves and Miss Jewell Stewart were united in wedlock's holy bonds at ten-thirty o'clock last Thursday night by Rev. W. W. Ne Smith at his home in this city. The groom has been living at Willow Point and is a well-to-do young man of that community, and the happy bride is a pretty and popular young lady of Boonsville. They will make their future home in Oklahoma.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson in East Bridgeport was the scene of a very pretty June wedding Tuesday evening when the rites of matrimony were impressively solemnized between the eldest daughter, Miss Lois Teola Simpson, and Mr. Jack Norwood. The beautiful ring ceremony was used and was very impressively and effectively read by Rev. H. C. Hand, pastor of the Methodist church, of which church both contracting parties are members.

Comptroller of Currency Dawes at Washington last Saturday approved the application of the Bridgeport State Bank to become the Bridgeport National Bank. This action gives Bridgeport two national banks and the numerous patrons are glad to see the former state bank being converted into the higher class and its officers are to be congratulated. The Paradise State Bank and the First State Bank of Perrin were also converted into national banks. Each of the institutions will have a capital of \$25,000.

GETTING RID OF PA ROOSTER IN FLOCK

The breeding season is over now, so cull out all the males not wanted for breeding purposes later and dispose of them. Remove the cull hens not in laying condition and past their usefulness for this season. Another culling should be made in August, by which time the physical condition of the hens will show up the low producing birds.

CHICO NEWS (Review.)

Miss Lena Fulghum is visiting at Ryan, Oklahoma, this week.

A. H. Crowley left Tuesday for Floydada, to be gone a month or so.

T. H. McCurdy left Thursday for Archer City to visit relatives a few days.

W. L. McKibben brought a cotton bloom to the Review office Monday, June 25th.

J. G. Gose and J. L. Sellers at Decatur, were doing business Thursday in Chico.

E. F. Murray and Malcolm McNeill of Oklahoma City, came in Tuesday by auto. They will visit here a few days.

Jones Brothers have recently installed a radio and can now get the latest music concerts, baseball and market reports right off the bat.

Mrs. Lula Lowery of De Queen, Arkansas, the mother of Mrs. W. H. Atwood, came in this week and will make her home here with her daughter.

Walter Moore received a message Wednesday stating that his brother, J. A. Moore, was seriously ill at a sanitarium in Dallas after an operation for appendicitis. He left immediately by auto for that place.

Glen Mount and Miss Ruth Briley were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Briley, west of town Sunday morning. Rev. Pritchett performed the ceremony. They left immediately for Burkburnett in Polk Craft's new car, where they will make their home.

BAPTIST CHURCH

W. M. W. Splawn, state railroad commissioner, will speak at the First Baptist church next Sunday night. The service will begin at eight-fifteen o'clock. Dr. Splawn grew up in Wise county, is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College, and the Decatur people feel a pride in his high attainments and successes. Along with the honors that have rewarded his efforts he has retained a warm christian spirit and many will be glad to hear him speak next Sunday.

The pastor begins a meeting at the Valley View school house next Sunday night.—Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "The First Church—Jerusalem." Sunday night the annual Sunday school day program will be given. Let's all try to be at church and Sunday school next Sunday. The leagues will meet at the regular hours. Choir practice Thursday night at eight-thirty.

"Oh, no!" soliloquized Johnny bitterly; "there ain't any joyvines in this family. Oh, no! If I bite my finger nails, I get a rap over the knuckles, but if the baby eats his whole foot, they think it's cute."

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

Mrs. S. R. Hobay returned with her son and family, who left Friday for their home in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Flannery and daughter, Lela Bell, and grand-son returned home Saturday from Memphis.

Mrs. A. C. Rice, who has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. B. C. Schulkey, returned home to Sanger Saturday.

J. G. Russell returned Sunday from Fort Worth, where he had been for some time in a hospital. Mr. Russell is getting along nicely and very glad to be at home again.

Veleen Burris, the little five-year-old daughter of W. A. Burris and wife, died at her home in the Union Hill community and was buried in the Union Hill cemetery Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Jackson was called to Burkburnett last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, George H. Jackson. Mr. Jackson formerly lived in this county and was well known by many people here.

G. B. Smith has an old hen with seventeen little quails. Mr. Smith

stated to a News reporter that if he had good luck with these he was going into the quail business. He also stated that the old hen was a real mother to the little quails.

G. A. Shankle was in Dallas last Saturday, where he went to represent Alvord on the gas and meter business protesting the advance rates on gas or the Cox bill, which gives the commissioners of the state the right to regulate rates over the head of the city council.

A wholesale grocery house which prides itself on filling orders correctly received a letter from a customer, complaining of the very poor quality of the last shipment of eggs sent him. The reputation of the house for never making an error seemed to be at stake, but the bright mind of the junior partner found a way out of the difficulty.

He wrote: "Gentlemen—We are sorry to hear that our consignment did not suit you; there was, however, no mistake on our part. We have looked up your original order, and find that it reads, 'Rush fifty crates of eggs. We want them bad.'"

Fifteen five-dollar bills will be given away in Decatur tomorrow.

THE BEST BUY IN ELECTRIC FANS IS THE EMERSON JUNIOR

A large, breezy, good looking fan, guaranteed for five years, that sell for only ten dollars. It uses only about one-half cent's worth of current per hour. Sold on easy terms if desired.

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IN THE NAME OF THE LAW AT MAJESTIC THEATRE TONIGHT!

CALL TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL

—The signers of this call are a representative body of Wise County farmers and business men pledged to the best general development of the county. We have duly investigated the methods and results obtained in the fighting of the boll weevil in this and other counties and are convinced of their broad-scale beneficence.

—The boll weevil, the dreaded enemy of the cotton crop is here, heavily infested some spots and lighter in others. This season is such that a heavy and devastating infestation threatens, especially probable if the season continues moist and therefore conducive to the development of a plant of heavy foliage. The weevil, however, is an insidious pest and should be fought from beginning to the end of the season, regardless of weather conditions. This is no hour in which to take a chance and the proceeds from a good general cotton crop are so despairingly needed that an untiring fight should be waged to the end that this terrific destroyer of prosperity may be held in check.

—There are harmful reports and expressions of belief circulating to the effect that it pays nothing to fight the boll weevil; that they are a blessing in disguise; that they are here and can not be controlled, etc. We counsel and warn against the destructive effect of these reports. Men of faith might so believe, but there is ample evidence to controvert what they claim as true. It is true that an inefficient, pertunatory, or half-hearted fight will avail little or nothing, but a valorous fight from beginning to the end of the season will avail much. We herewith submit some of the signed statements bearing out the truth of this convincing evidence. These who sign the statement are honest, straight-forward men and have no selfish reason to serve by the misrepresentation of the facts. Pledge your faith in the industrious example of these men and fight and your industry will amply be rewarded.

—As to methods we are convinced that persistent and prolonged agitation of the weevils by any process will have the efficacy of disturbing and abating the breeding function, whether this disturbance is done with a brush, pole, sack or wire attached to the cultivator and dragged over the plants without harming them. The picking and destruction of the injured squares on which eggs have been laid, both from the ground and the plants, is very beneficial. There are inexpensive machines on the market, however, that both brush off and kill in the oil of the pans, not only the mature weevils and eggs on the gathered squares, but also many other insects that may be harmful to the plant. We endorse the machine most in use in Wise County and all other machines that will do the work as efficiently and economically. We endorse and recommend and urge the utilization of every method or resource that will destroy or even discommode the pest during the prolonged season when it is treacherously sucking down the juices of prosperity. Destruction of the first appearing weevils lessens the total of work for the season in that a long breeding generation is then broken up. Where it is practicable and economical to use poison arsenate mixtures, we recommend these.

From Prominent Greenwood Farmer.

Jim. T. Washburn is a conscientious farmer of the Greenwood country who came to Wise County seventeen years ago as a refugee from boll weevil districts of Eastern Texas. He was advised that there were no weevils in Wise County at that date, but on the contrary Mr. Washburn found them the next year after reaching here. He was severely disappointed but did not want to break up and move farther west. What he did then is what any intelligent farmer should do—settled down to a thoughtful study of the weevil and try to whip the pest in the fight. Mr. Washburn has fought the weevil one of the most thorough, consistent, intelligent and hardest fights the pest ever got from a farmer for every year of the seventeen years that he has been in Wise County.

"I spent many hours flat on my stomach in my cotton crop in the broiling sun studying the habits of the weevil," said Mr. Washburn. "I went at night with a lantern to study what the weevil was doing at night. I planted cotton in my door yard where I could have it convenient for experimenting with certain methods of fighting which I had figured out and to see what effect chickens would have in warring the weevil. I frailed this cotton with brushes and fed my chickens in it to see what the effect would be.

"Down in my field I designated and marked two stalks of cotton and daily as I went by there I gave the stalks a kick with my foot and in the fall one of these stalks had put on twelve well-filled bolls and the other eighteen, while on all the stalks all around there was nothing. The weevils had cleaned the crop.

"Ten years ago my neighbor planted fifty-two acres of cotton. The same year on identical the kind of land I planted forty-six. My neighbor quit his cotton before July 4th, plowed it the last time and laid it by this early. I put some chain hobbles on my cultivator that would drag over the rows and kept up the cultivation of my crop all the way thru the month of August, up until the time when the bolls began to crack open. I picked twenty-two bales from my crop and my neighbor picked seven and one-half bales from his.

"I have had so many different experiences with fighting the pest that I stand absolutely convinced that a man can make a cotton crop if he wants to and will fight hard enough from the very earliest date in the season clear on thru the year until the crop is made and safe. I tell my farmer friends that they can raise cotton if they want to bad enough and will fight. Fight with a brush, or a pole, or sacks or hobbles on the cultivator that will drag over and agitate the plants. I believe in agitation, constant agitation, never letting up, the oftener the better, every day if possible, at least twice every week.

"Last year and this I am using the Hitt catcher. I like it for many reasons. It is convenient to use, cheap, safe and dependable, and it forever kills the weevils and the eggs on the punctured squares it catches.

"One year my wife and myself and children gathered the punctured squares by hand and destroyed them, and that year we made all the cotton we wanted.

"So my message to the farmer is to fight, wage an un-ending war and he may raise cotton and be prosperous. Don't think it can be done any other way in the face of this pest for it can not. I have lived in two sections where the weevil, unfought and unmolested, destroyed everything. But farmers in Wise County can assuredly raise cotton if they will try. The trouble is that, as a rule, they quit the crop too quickly and turn it over to the weevils to clean up. By that road lies poverty and hardship."

Used Sack Saturated with Oil to Fight Pest.

"I used in fighting the weevil last year a sack saturated with oil attached to the cultivator so that it would drag over the plants and that is the method I shall follow again. I made half a bale to the acre when the average in my neighborhood was only one-quarter. I attribute my better yield to the use of the sack and my method of preparing the ground for the planting. Early in the season last year some neighbors became discouraged and plowed up their cotton and planted the land to other crops but I kept on with the above result. The man who will watch his crop, get up and fight will make some cotton anyhow." CLIFF SHARP.

Used Four Hitt Machines with Great Success.

"The men on my place ran four Hitt weevil catchers while cultivating the cotton crop last year. The result was so satisfactory that I believe fully in the efficacy of the machine to catch and destroy weevils. We continued the use of the machines all the season gathering weevils, punctured squares and many other kinds of insects that might be harmful to growing plants. The machines are going to be in use again this season with the addition of one which I shall buy." L. L. HOYLE.

Makes Half-Bale Cotton to the Acre.

"In the year of 1921 the boll weevil destroyed the cotton on my place but we planted again last year. We bought two Hitt weevil catchers to begin with and hoped by their aid to make a crop. Early in August the cotton was doing well and I was busy rebuilding a barn that a storm had torn down, having some of my neighbors to help me. A rain came at this date and shortly after I was advised by one of my neighbors who walked thru a sixteen-acre field of cotton to reach my place that the plants were literally swarming with weevils. I investigated and found the report true; weevils were running over the plants like ants and I decided they had been blown in there by the storm. I hitched up two rigs with the catchers attached and put my children to going over the crop, and in order to adjust the machine I went the first two rounds myself and I estimated that I caught in the oil of the pans an average of not less than three hundred weevils to the row. The children kept up the work and said that the average of three hundred weevils to the row was maintained thruout the field. When they had finished the job I sent them over the field again and this time not getting many weevils, I concluded the catchers had pretty well cleaned the pest the first run. I gathered seven and one-half bales of cotton off the field and I am certain that I would not have gotten anything had I not fought the weevils." G. W. HAZZLEY.

Continual Disturbance of Weevil Beneficial.

"In 1922 there was a three-acre patch of cotton on the edge of the town of Bevel. It was so situated that people living on the outside of town walked thru the patch daily going to and from town, making a trail running counterwise to the rows. In the fall a fine yield of cotton appeared on the cotton for a strip of four feet wide on each side of the trail, making an eight-foot strip of good cotton in a patch, the remainder of which was absolutely cleaned up by the boll weevil. My conclusion is that the pedestrians walking the trail kept the plants on each side disturbed and thus interfered with the ravaging and breeding functions of the weevil. It appears to me that any manner of persistent agitation of the plants will help abate the weevil damage, the oftener the better." SAM FAVILLARD.

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Wherever a man travels he finds only himself.

As President Harding hears Alaska his speeches get cool.

The timid man never creates anything. He who would make must dare.

The unpleasant things about your job are what make the job worth paying for.

Just a short time until the Wise county watermelon will be smiling on the vine.

Too many reformers who have failed miserably to start the reformation at home.

As we understand it, the advantage in having a swan-like neck is that she can wear longer ear-rings.

If your door yard does not look well to you, it certainly does not look any better to your neighbors.

Rev. Norris is spreading it on; he smiles when he puts the paddle to his enemies—and you have heard about these smiling fellows when in a contest.

A former American navy captain is now at the head of the Chinese army. One thing certain, the gentleman will get his laundry when promised.

The fellow who thinks he can reduce his expenses by cutting down on his advertising can obtain quicker and more lasting results by cutting his wind-pipe.

To impress upon a non-union worker the necessity of joining up with the organization, a union man in Kansas City the other day slugged to death J. A. Rose.

We have been all set and ready to report a gusher in the Wise county field for many months. In fact, out set and ready machinery is growing rusty for lack of activity.

If the dam at Lake Decatur were ten feet higher, we would have the best lake in the state; water enough to supply the sweet old town for months and months of the rain god's vacation.

Writers who have worn out their superlatives need not try to invent new ones. The simpler way is for them to leave out all superlatives and notice how their writing gains in emphasis.

The Dallas baseball team continues to run third in the state league. But wait a few days longer, gentlemen; watch that sporting Jew come to the front. Keep your eye on Dallas in the Texas league.

One reason why farm products are not so high priced as other things is that the demand for most farm products is not cumulative. People can not put off eating till another year and then come to the table with a double appetite.

Heard a fellow make an unkind remark about his neighbor's daughter, criticising her dress. While he was talking his own dimpled darling passed, and she had the swag of a sport, and her dress was little short of vulgar. Funny, isn't it?

In the meantime, let's kill out the weeds and the stray dogs. What became of that nice little ordinance the city council passed, prohibiting the running at large of dogs whose necks were not properly decorated with a collar carrying a brass tax receipt?

Another "bravest soldier in the United States army" has been found, and this time he turns out to be a Texan. Fair enough. The old state was slow in getting the recognition, but we felt all along we would get ours when the other commonwealths got their supply. Let Texas do as well for her hero as Tennessee did for Alvin York.

Billy Moore, for a number of years a popular hotel man of Fort Worth, has been named postmaster of that city. Moore is fat, good-natured and is a post-graduate in courtesy. He is a republican, of course, but his long training with saintly democrats has handsomely equipped him for public service.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor University, says Dr. Norris is a joke, not worthy of belief, and is a back number in the onward march of Texas Baptists. Dr. Norris denies the charges and accusations of Dr. Brooks, and comes back with the charge that the Baylor head is out of line with the good Baptists of the state. It's a merry contest, and with a hot summer coming on, some lively times are expected.

A "Neff-for-president" club has been organized in Burleson county. No; not president of State University, but president of these United States, to succeed Warren G. Harding; to occupy the chair that has been held down by George Washington, Abe Lincoln, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson and other distinguished and able gentlemen. Yes-sir-ee, a "Neff-for-president" club has been organized in Burleson county.

The socialist party remains the propagandist of the philosophy rather than a political organization. At its recent convention in New York it rejected the overtures of the farmer labor party and of other elements of our citizenship that control an appreciable number of votes—overtures that looked toward the union of various protesting groups into one national labor party. The socialists are clear enough in their minds about communism, and none of their recognized leaders express any sympathy to that form of social organization; but the convention did vote that the soviet government ought to be recognized.

Those who are curious in such matters are trying to decide whether the Fords or the Rockefellers are the richest family in the world. The discussion was aroused by the statement of the Ford Motor Company's financial condition. It reveals assets of \$536,351,939 of which \$19,695,687 is in ready cash. Mr. Rockefeller may at one time have had more than that, but he has given away a good deal, and if he and his son do really control a larger fortune it is probable that it is invested in such a way as to bring in an income smaller than that of the Fords, father and son. The net profits of the Ford business are estimated to be something like \$119,000,000 a year.

A constable out in Cisco shot down a man. The published reports of the tragedy pointed to something akin to cold-blooded murder. The trial was staged in the district court. A jury of "peers" was selected with much pains. The testimony was damaging in the extreme against the killer. The lawyers made feeling arguments, and the jury retired. Eleven men, good and true, immediately arrived at a verdict—eleven out of twelve. One man opposed the verdict reached by the eleven. A tied-up jury resulted, and the constable was liberated on bond, to await the result of another trial. In the meantime the tax-payers of Eastland county are digging deep in their pockets to pay the cost of a trial that one man out of an even dozen saddled upon them.

John Beall Sneed, a killer with several notches on his gun-handle, was shot and dangerously wounded while getting in his car at Paducah Monday afternoon. A fellow by the name of Berry was arrested shortly after the shooting. Sneed was carried to a sanitarium in Quanah, where a number of buckshot were taken from his body. He will recover. Several years ago, Sneed went on the war-path and killed A. C. Boyce, a prominent citizen of Amarillo. A jury acquitted him, and a few years later a son of Boyce was killed by Sneed. Again a jury acquitted the killer. For a number of years the gun of Sneed was inactive. Then not long ago, hostilities broke and Sneed's son-in-law was killed by a man by the name of Berry. Shortly after Berry was liberated on bond Sneed pumped his hide full of shot. Berry recovered and disappeared from Paducah. On Monday he showed up and shot Sneed down, two charges of buckshot entering his back. Judging by the record, more shots are to be fired.

We grumble at our income tax, which for the ordinary citizen is only about one twenty-fifth of what he earns. In England the man of the same moderate income has had to pay the government one dollar and fifty cents out of every five dollars he earns; and the chancellor of the exchequer was hailed as a benefactor of the nation because he thinks he can bring the tax down to a dollar and a quarter out of five dollars. Furthermore, only incomes of less than seven hundred and fifty dollars a year are exempt, and the married man's exemption is only five hundred dollars with not more than two hundred and eighty dollars more for his children. Taxation here is heavy, as we all know, but it is of feather-weight compared with that the European nations must submit to.

Newspaper Rules.

A Texas editor recently issued the following rules, which explain themselves:

"Fifty cents will be charged per line for all obituary notices of business men who get their job printing in another city; twenty-five cents per line will be charged for like notices to all business men who do not advertise, while all delinquent subscribers will be charged fifteen cents per line on passing out to the new Jerusalem. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive the best there is in the shop free gratis when they shuffle off.

"Those who extend the paper no support whatsoever and go around knocking the editor, or the paper, or lambasting the community and its citizens, drop banana peelings on the side-walks, spit like a dime or try to sell us gold bricks, will be given the truth, which won't look good in print when they give up the ghost.

"Better send in your orders for job printing and advertising, pay up your subscription, get to boosting this paper and its editor and speak in glowing terms of the town and its people, for an epidemic of hog cholera is said to be abroad in the adjoining community."

Contrary Minded.

It is a serious disadvantage to any one to acquire a reputation for being contrary minded. Few persons who are unpopular really glory in their unpopularity, even tho some of them make a pretense of doing so. And the contrary minded person speedily becomes unpopular, often to his astonishment and dismay. He does not understand why the faithful performance of his function in life, which is to save people from committing mistakes, should react so unfavorably on his own welfare.

Usually it isn't so much the contrary minded person's contrariness that people object to as his manner of showing it. Criticism that may be almost wholly destructive may be presented in such a way as to be acceptable—first, if it is asked for, not officiously volunteered, and next if it is expressed in considerate and not in disparaging or sneering or exultant terms. There seems to be something in the temperament of the contrary minded person that makes it difficult for him to be tactful in his treatment of the issues that he is constantly encountering. He takes up each one in a spirit of intolerance that is provocative of trouble with those on the other side. Thin-skinned himself, he fails to realize that people who don't agree with him may also be sensitive.

To have a regard for other people's feelings even while pointing out the erroneous workings of their minds should be a guiding principle of those who are contrary minded. If they would bring other persons round to their way of thinking more often than they do. And sometimes that would be desirable, for events do sometimes prove that the contrary minded were right.

Blinks, after inviting his friend Jinks to dinner, was telling him about the remarkable memory of his little son, Bobby.

"And do you think he will remember me?" asked Jinks.

"Remember you? Why, certainly he will."

An hour later they entered the house, and after Jinks had greeted Mrs. Blinks, he called Bobby over to him.

"And do you remember me, my little man?"

"Course I do. You're the man that pa brought home last year, and made ma so wild about it that she didn't speak to pa for a week."

City Chap—"Boy, your corn's kind of yellow."

Country Boy—"Yes, sir. That's the kind we planted."

City Chap—"You'll only get about half a crop."

Country Boy—"Yes, sir. The land lard gets the other half."

City Chap—"Say, there isn't much difference between you and a fool."

Country Boy—"No, sir—only the fence."

Hubby came home and found an argument going on. His wife was trying to give a bridge party.

PHOOLISHNESS
By M. Dash.

Temperance Lecturer—"Look at the homes whiskey has wrecked."
Drunk (hic)—"Yesh, but jush look at she ships she water hash wrecked."

Policeman—"Didn't you hear me call you to stop?"
Driver—"I didn't know it was you. I thought it was some one I'd run over."

Daughter—"May I go to a wedding father?"
Father—"Must you go?"
Daughter—"I suppose so. I'm the bride."

"Gladys has just got a job as detective in one of these big ships."

"I don't envy her, do you? Fancy being known as a 'plain-clothes' woman!"

The Poet—"The editors bought my 'Ode to a Sparrow'—he was crazy to print it."

The Critic—"That's what I thought when I read it!"

"My father was once the principal factor at a great public function when the platform fell."

"And did he fall to the ground?"
"Oh, no. The rope stopped him."

"Your honor, my wife has been drawn on the grand jury. Will you excuse her?"

"What's her excuse?"
"She says she has nothing suitable to wear."

First Girl—"Can't you drive that car yet? Why Mr. Goldbrokn has been giving you lessons for at least a month."

Second Girl—"Yes, I know—but he hasn't proposed yet!"

Before our agrarian population had taken so enthusiastically to the auto, two farmers drove into town in an old spring wagon pulled by a very bony nag. The little burg had just been incorporated, and among the evidences of this was a brand-new sign at the town line: "Speed limit, ten miles an hour." Observing this, the driver began whipping up his steed vigorously.

"What's yo' hurry?" demanded his companion in mild astonishment.

"See that sign?" returned the other. "But I dunno if I can make it or not."

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB
The clouds are gentle
peaceful things
They sail along in
aimless ways.
Who'd think that they
were mean enough
To rain right
down on
picnic days?

20 YEARS AGO
File of July 3, 1903.

Captain Bob Simmons is rapidly improving, we are glad to relate.

Mr. and Mrs. Furd Halsell entertained at finch Tuesday evening.

Miss Addie Hambright of Rhome, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Helm.

Postmaster T. L. Ball is at his post again after an illness of several days.

Miss Mattie Evans of Waggoner, Indian Territory, is here visiting her cousin, Miss Ella Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCarter went to Mineral Wells Sunday to visit the family of Judge R. E. Hendry.

Miss Bessie Roberts entertained her friends very pleasantly last Tuesday evening with a finch party.

Rev. W. M. Leatherwood will preach at the Cumberland Presbyterian church next Sunday. Special music will be arranged and a good sermon is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. Ben Ratliff, formerly of the Muse community but now a clerk in the Fort Worth post office, and Miss Matthews, an accomplished lady of Fort Worth, were married on last Wednesday by Rev. R. C. Armstrong at the home of the bride in South Fort Worth. The bride and groom visited in and near Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

LIFE WISDOM
By Noted Authors.

Yesterday this day's madness did prepare.—Omar.

Knowledge is the knowing that we can not know.—Emerson.

The greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.—Hare.

Do the truth you know and you shall learn the truth you need to know.—MacDonald.

Most men of action incline to fatalism and most men of thought believe in providence.—Balzac.

Love, beauty, joy and worship are forever building, unbuilding and rebuilding in each man's soul.—Plotinus.

To act in accordance with our knowledge of right and wrong is the moral part; to know right and wrong is the intellectual part.—Anon.

Man is saved by love and duty, and by the hope that springs from duty, or rather from the moral facts of consciousness, as a flower springs from the soil.—Amiel.

We should put the man who thinks and speaks directly, and whose words have always been made good, against the man whose adroit and facile elocution is used to conceal his plans or his want of plans.—Roosevelt.

The will of the pure runs down from them into other natures, as water runs down from a higher into a lower vessel. This natural force is no more to be withstood than any other natural force.—Emerson.

They say, miracles are past; and we have our philosophical persons, to make modern and familiar, things super-natural and causeless. Hence is it that we make trifles of terrors; ensconcing ourselves into seeming knowledge, when we should submit to an unknown fear.—Shakespeare.

Lecturer—"Allow me to repeat the words of the immortal Webster, before I close—"

Hayseed (to wife)—"Land sakes, Maria, let's git out o' here. He's a-goin' ter start in on the dictionary."

SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR
TEN DAYS ONLY

100 pairs one-strap pumps, \$3.50 to \$5.00 values . . .	\$2.48
One lot boys' oxfords, values to \$2.50	\$1.29
Men's work shoes, solid leath, sizes 6 to 11	\$1.95
Ladies' house shoes, \$1.25 values	95c
\$6.50 white kid pumps, per pair only	\$4.45
One counter children's slippers, per pair only	\$1.00
65c brown sheeting, two yards for	\$1.00
36-inch percale, per yard only	16c
15c percales, per yard only	10c
\$1.50 silk hose, only	98c
Men's 75c union suits, per suit only	39c
Ladies' summer union suits, three for	\$1.00
Best grade blue overalls	\$1.50

A FEW OF MANY BARGAINS YOU WILL FIND AT

BIG STOCK **RIEGER BROS.** LOW PRICE

\$75.00 TO BE GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY—NOTHING TO BUY—JUST REGISTER YOUR NAME!

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index.)

J. L. Smith and Miss Birdie Hendricks were united in marriage at Fort Worth June 16th. They kept the matter secret for some time, but now it is out and they are receiving the belated congratulations of numerous friends.

Raymond Pate, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pate, is at home here on furlough to visit his parents and his boyhood friends. He is a first-class seaman on the battleship Idaho, now at San Francisco, California. Raymond entered the navy three years ago and his recently re-enlisted.

The dwelling house of Jess Walker, two miles east of town, was destroyed completely by fire during Tuesday night. Origin of the fire is unknown and the flames had gained such headway when discovered that it was impossible to save but little of the household goods. A few articles were gotten out, but the dwelling with practically all contents is a total loss with no insurance.

Mr. J. W. Cheeves and Miss Jewell Stewart were united in wedlock's holy bonds at ten-thirty o'clock last Thursday night by Rev. W. W. NeSmith at his home in this city. The groom has been living at Willow Point and is a well-to-do young man of that community, and the happy bride is a pretty and popular young lady of Boonsville. They will make their future home in Oklahoma.

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simpson in East Bridgeport was the scene of a very pretty June wedding Tuesday evening when the rites of matrimony were impressively solemnized between the eldest daughter, Miss Lois Teola Simpson, and Mr. Jack Norwood. The beautiful ring ceremony was used and was very impressively and effectively read by Rev. H. C. Hand, pastor of the Methodist church, of which church both contracting parties are members.

Comptroller of Currency Dawes at Washington last Saturday approved the application of the Bridgeport State Bank to become the Bridgeport National Bank. This action gives Bridgeport two national banks and the numerous patrons are glad to see the former state bank being converted into the higher class and its officers are to be congratulated. The Paradise State Bank and the First State Bank of Perrin were also converted into national banks. Each of the institutions will have a capital of \$25,000.

GETTING RID OF PA ROOSTER IN FLOCK

The breeding season is over now, so cull out all the males not wanted for breeding purposes later and dispose of them. Remove the cull hens not in laying condition and past their usefulness for this season. Another culling should be made in August, by which time the physical condition of the hens will show up the low producing birds.

CHICO NEWS (Review.)

Miss Lena Fulghum is visiting at Ryan, Oklahoma, this week.

A. H. Crowley left Tuesday for Floydada, to be gone a month or so.

T. H. McCurdy left Thursday for Archer City to visit relatives a few days.

W. L. McKibben brought a cotton bloom to the Review office Monday, June 25th.

J. G. Gose and J. L. Sellars of Decatur, were doing business Thursday in Chico.

E. F. Murray and Malcolm McNeill of Oklahoma City, came in Tuesday by auto. They will visit here a few days.

Jones Brothers have recently installed a radio and can now get the latest music concerts, baseball and market reports right off the bat.

Mrs. Lula Lowery of De Queen, Arkansas, the mother of Mrs. W. H. Atwood, came in this week and will make her home here with her daughter.

Walter Moore received a message Wednesday stating that his brother, J. A. Moore, was seriously ill at a sanitarium in Dallas after an operation for appendicitis. He left immediately by auto for that place.

Glen Mount and Miss Ruth Briley were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Briley, west of town Sunday morning. Rev. Pritchett performed the ceremony. They left immediately for Burkburnett in Polk Craft's new car, where they will make their home.

BAPTIST CHURCH

W. M. W. Splawn, state railroad commissioner, will speak at the First Baptist church next Sunday night. The service will begin at eight-fifteen o'clock. Dr. Splawn grew up in Wise county, is a graduate of Decatur Baptist College, and the Decatur people feel a pride in his high attainments and successes. Along with the honors that have rewarded his efforts he has retained a warm christian spirit and many will be glad to hear him speak next Sunday.

The pastor begins a meeting at the Valley View school house next Sunday night.—Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on the subject, "The First Church—Jerusalem." Sunday night the annual Sunday school day program will be given. Let's all try to be at church and Sunday school next Sunday. The leagues will meet at the regular hours. Choir practice Thursday night at eight-thirty.

"Oh, no!" soliloquized Johnny bitterly; "there ain't any favorites in this family. Oh, no! If I bite my finger nails, I get a rap over the knuckles, but if the baby eats his whole foot, they think it's cute."

ALVORD NEWS (News.)

Mrs. S. R. Hobbs returned with her son and family, who left Friday for their home in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Flannery and daughter, Lela Bell, and grand-son returned home Saturday from Memphis.

Mrs. A. C. Rice, who has been visiting her daughter here, Mrs. B. C. Schulkey, returned home to Sanger Saturday.

J. G. Russell returned Sunday from Fort Worth, where he had been for some time in a hospital. Mr. Russell is getting along nicely and very glad to be at home again.

Velean Burris, the little five-year-old daughter of W. A. Burris and wife, died at her home in the Union Hill community and was buried in the Union Hill cemetery Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Jackson was called to Burkburnett last week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, George H. Jackson. Mr. Jackson formerly lived in this county and was well known by many people here.

G. B. Smith has an old hen with seventeen little quails. Mr. Smith

stated to a News reporter that if he had good luck with these he was going into the quail business. He also stated that the old hen was a real mother to the little quails.

G. A. Shankle was in Dallas last Saturday, where he went to represent Alvord on the gas and meter business protesting the advance rates on gas or the Cox bill, which gives the commissioners of the state the right to regulate rates over the head of the city council.

A wholesale grocery house which prides itself on filling orders correctly received a letter from a customer, complaining of the very poor quality of the last shipment of eggs sent him. The reputation of the house for never making an error seemed to be at stake, but the bright mind of the junior partner found a way out of the difficulty.

He wrote: "Gentlemen—We are sorry to hear that our consignment did not suit you; there was, however, no mistake on our part. We have looked up your original order, and find that it reads, 'Rush fifty crates of eggs. We want them bad.'"

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Fifteen five-dollar bills will be given away in Decatur tomorrow.

THE BEST BUY IN ELECTRIC FANS IS THE EMERSON JUNIOR

A large, breezy, good looking fan, guaranteed for five years, that sell for only ten dollars. It uses only about one-half cent's worth of current per hour. Sold on easy terms if desired.

Decatur Light & Water Co.

IN THE NAME OF THE LAW AT MAJESTIC THEATRE TONIGHT!

CALL TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL

—The signers of this call are a representative body of Wise County farmers and business men pledged to the best general development of the county. We have duly investigated the methods and results obtained in the fighting of the boll weevil in this and other counties and are convinced of their broad-scale beneficence.

—The boll weevil, the dreaded enemy of the cotton crop is here, heavily infested some spots and lighter in others. This season is such that a heavy and devastating infestation threatens, especially probable if the season continues moist and therefore conducive to the development of a plant of heavy foliage. The weevil, however, is an insidious pest and should be fought from beginning to the end of the season, regardless of weather conditions. This is no hour in which to take a chance and the proceeds from a good general cotton crop are so despairingly needed that an untiring fight should be waged to the end that this terrific destroyer of prosperity may be held in check.

—There are harmful reports and expressions of belief circulating to the effect that it pays nothing to fight the boll weevil; that they are a blessing in disguise; that they are here and can not be controlled, etc. We counsel and warn against the destructive effect of these reports. Men of faith might so believe, but there is ample evidence to controvert what they claim as true. It is true that an inefficient, perfunctory, or half-hearted fight will avail little or nothing, but a valorous fight from beginning to the end of the season will avail much. We herewith submit some of the signed statements bearing out the truth of this convincing evidence. These who sign the statement are honest, straight-forward men and have no selfish reason to serve by the misrepresentation of the facts. Pledge your faith in the industrious example of these men and fight and your industry will amply be rewarded.

—As to methods we are convinced that persistent and prolonged agitation of the weevils by any process will have the efficacy of disturbing and abating the breeding function, whether this disturbance is done with a brush, pole, sack or wire attached to the cultivator and dragged over the plants without harming them. The picking and destruction of the injured squares on which eggs have been laid, both from the ground and the plants, is very beneficial. There are inexpensive machines on the market, however, that both brush off and kill in the oil of the pans, not only the mature weevils and eggs on the gathered squares, but also many other insects that may be harmful to the plant. We endorse the machine most in use in Wise County and all other machines that will do the work as efficiently and economically. We endorse and recommend and urge the utilization of every method or resource that will destroy or even discommode the pest during the prolonged season when it is treacherously sucking down the juices of prosperity. Destruction of the first appearing weevils lessens the total of work for the season in that a long breeding generation is then broken up. Where it is practicable and economical to use poison arsenate mixtures, we recommend these.

From Prominent Greenwood Farmer.

Jim. T. Washburn is a conscientious farmer of the Greenwood country who came to Wise County seventeen years ago as a refugee from boll weevil districts of Eastern Texas. He was advised that there were no weevils in Wise County at that date, but on the contrary Mr. Washburn found them the next year after reaching here. He was severely disappointed but did not want to break up and move farther west. What he did then is what any intelligent farmer should do—settled down to a thoughtful study of the weevil and try to whip the pest in the fight. Mr. Washburn has fought the weevil one of the most thorough, consistent, intelligent and hardest fights the pest ever got from a farmer for every year of the seventeen years that he has been in Wise County.

"I spent many hours flat on my stomach in my cotton crop in the broiling sun studying the habits of the weevil," said Mr. Washburn. "I went at night with a lantern to study what the weevil was doing at night. I planted cotton in my door yard where I could have it convenient for experimenting with certain methods of fighting which I had figured out and to see what effect chickens would have in warring the weevil. I trailed this cotton with brushes and fed my chickens in it to see what the effect would be.

"Down in my field I designated and marked two stalks of cotton and daily as I went by there I gave the stalks a kick with my foot and in the fall one of these stalks had put on twelve well-filled bolls and the other eighteen, while on all the stalks all around there was nothing. The weevils had cleaned the crop.

"Ten years ago my neighbor planted fifty-two acres of cotton. The same year on identical the kind of land I planted forty-six. My neighbor quit his cotton before July 4th, plowed it the last time and laid it by this early. I put some chain hobbles on my cultivator that would drag over the rows and kept up the cultivation of my crop all the way thru the month of August, up until the time when the bolls began to crack open. I picked twenty-two bales from my crop and my neighbor picked seven and one-half bales from his.

"I have had so many different experiences with fighting the pest that I stand absolutely convinced that a man can make a cotton crop if he wants to and will fight hard enough from the very earliest date in the season clear on thru the year until the crop is made and safe. I tell my farmer friends that they can raise cotton if they want to bad enough and will fight. Fight with a brush, or a pole, or sacks or hobbles on the cultivator that will drag over and agitate the plants. I believe in agitation, constant agitation, never letting up, the oftener the better, every day if possible, at least twice every week.

"Last year and this I am using the Hitt catcher. I like it for many reasons. It is convenient to use, cheap, safe and dependable, and it forever kills the weevils and the eggs on the punctured squares it catches.

"One year my wife and myself and children gathered the punctured squares by hand and destroyed them, and that year we made all the cotton we wanted.

"So my message to the farmer is to fight, wage an un-ending war and he may raise cotton and be prosperous. Don't think it can be done any other way in the face of this pest for it can not. I have lived in two sections where the weevil, unfought and unmolested, destroyed everything. But farmers in Wise County can assuredly raise cotton if they will try. The trouble is that, as a rule, they quit the crop too quickly and turn it over to the weevils to clean up. By that road lies poverty and hardship."

Used Sack Saturated with Oil to Fight Pest.

"I used in fighting the weevil last year a sack saturated with oil attached to the cultivator so that it would drag over the plants and that is the method I shall follow again. I made half a bale to the acre when the average in my neighborhood was only one-quarter. I attribute my better yield to the use of the sack and my method of preparing the ground for the planting. Early in the season last year some neighbors became discouraged and plowed up their cotton and planted the land to other crops but I kept on with the above result. The man who will watch his crop, get up and fight will make some cotton anyhow." CLIFF SHARP.

Used Four Hitt Machines with Great Success.

"The men on my place ran four Hitt weevil catchers while cultivating the cotton crop last year. The result was so satisfactory that I believe fully in the efficacy of the machine to catch and destroy weevils. We continued the use of the machines all the season gathering weevils, punctured squares and many other kinds of insects that might be harmful to growing plants. The machines are going to be in use again this season with the addition of one which I shall buy." L. L. HOYLE.

Makes Half-Bale Cotton to the Acre.

"In the year of 1921 the boll weevil destroyed the cotton on my place but we planted again last year. We bought two Hitt weevil catchers to begin with and hoped by their aid to make a crop. Early in August the cotton was doing well and I was busy rebuilding a barn that a storm had torn down, having some of my neighbors to help me. A rain came at this date and shortly after I was advised by one of my neighbors who walked thru a sixteen-acre field of cotton to reach my place that the plants were literally swarming with weevils. I investigated and found the report true; weevils were running over the plants like ants and I decided they had been blown in there by the storm. I hitched up two rigs with the catchers attached and put my children to going over the crop, and in order to adjust the machine I went the first two rounds myself and I estimated that I caught in the oil of the pans an average of not less than three hundred weevils to the row. The children kept up the work and said that the average of three hundred weevils to the row was maintained thruout the field. When they had finished the job I sent them over the field again and this time not getting many weevils, I concluded the catchers had pretty well cleaned the pest the first run. I gathered seven and one-half bales of cotton off the field and I am certain that I would not have gotten anything had I not fought the weevils." G. W. HAZZLEY.

Continual Disturbance of Weevil Beneficial.

"In 1922 there was a three-acre patch of cotton on the edge of the town of Boyd. It was so situated that people living on the outskirts of town walked thru the patch daily going to and from town, making a trail running counterwise to the rows. In the fall a fine yield of cotton appeared on the cotton for a strip of four feet wide on each side of the trail, making an eight-foot strip of good cotton in a patch, the remainder of which was absolutely cleaned up by the boll weevil. My conclusion is that the pedestrians walking the trail kept the plants on each side disturbed and thus interfered with the ravaging and breeding functions of the weevil. It appears to me that any manner of persistent agitation of the plants will help abate the weevil damage, the oftener the better." SAM PAVILLARD.

Opportunity

—Being able to take advantage of a business opportunity leads to fame and fortune. And not being able to means a continual struggle for existence and a hum-drum life of worries and anxiety.

—Successful men in all walks of life today lay the foundation of a banking account—the laying aside of a little each week or each day if possible, until one day when their opportunity arrived, they had to their credit a nice, tidy sum—a comfortable capital with which to start out on.

—The welcoming doors of opportunity swing open to those who are prepared to enter. Golden streams of dollars come only to those who know the combination of thrift and economy. Drop in and let's talk it over!

—We pay interest on savings.

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Decatur Community Chamber of Commerce

COUNTY FUNDS FOR RURAL ROADS ONLY

JUDGE SIMPSON SAYS FARMER WILL BENEFIT FROM HIGHWAY AMENDMENT

CHANGE PRESENT CONDITION

State Road Maintenance a Burden On The County Tax-payers

Tyler, Texas.—More direct benefit will accrue to the farmers of the State through the adoption of the Highway amendment to be voted on July 28 than to any other class of citizens, in the opinion of Judge R. W. Simpson of Tyler.

"In too many counties under the present system," said Judge Simpson, "the funds available for road building and road maintenance are devoted almost entirely to the cardinal roads. The traffic over such roads comes quite as much from outside the county as from inside, but the county taxpayers pay for the building and maintaining these roads. In consequence the other roads of the county are neglected and frequently the farmer finds himself taxed to maintain a fine road from the county seat to the county line and which he uses only occasionally, while the road passing his farm, and the roads passing the farms of his neighbors are neglected to such an extent as to become impassable with the least bad weather. The adoption of the highway amendment will change this, because it will place these cardinal highways under State control where they belong, and leave the counties free to devote all their revenue to the county and rural roads which are of greatest use to the farmers. As long as the present system continues the rural roads are going to be neglected. That's why the farmers should help to get a full vote out for the amendment on July 28."

AMENDMENT INVOLVES A THREEFOLD DUTY

Wortham Says Highway Measure is Interest of County, State and Nation

Fort Worth, Texas.—It is to the interest of the county, of the State and of the Nation that the proposed highway amendment to the Constitution should be adopted at the election on July 28, according to Louis J. Wortham of this city, vice president of the Texas Highway Association.

"It is to the interest of the county—of every county," he said, "because the maintenance of cardinal highways through the county for the benefit of State traffic absorbs too much of county money and county attention. The adoption of the amendment would place these highways under the State Government and thus relieve county funds to be applied to purely county roads. It would mean the serving of all the people in every county in the State. It is to the interest of the State because it will insure the construction of a State system of connected highways and the permanent maintenance of such highways. Moreover, it will insure the co-operation of the Federal Government in the building of this system, for if the amendment is lost we shall lose Federal aid for highway construction."

"It is to the interest of the Nation because it will insure that the money the Federal Government spends in Texas will contribute toward the creating of a national highway system. That is the only justification for the expenditure of Federal money for highways. The Federal Government has no right to spend the people's money in the construction of disconnected county roads. It will also insure that roads built with Federal assistance will be maintained, and thus protect the investment of the Federal Government in Texas."

"A citizen of a county in Texas is not merely a citizen of that county. He is a citizen of the county, a citizen of the State and a citizen of the United States. In all of these capacities he should vote for this amendment for the interests of his county, the interests of his State and the interests of his country demand it."

Amendment Insures Federal Aid Austin, Texas.—It will be necessary for Texas to adopt the highway amendment to the Constitution on July 28 to insure the continuance of Federal aid, according to R. M. Hubbard, chairman of the State Highway Commission.

"An amendment to the Federal aid act," he says, "requires the State to provide a State fund to match the Federal money and to take over the construction and maintenance of the State system. The authority now in the counties will have to be given to the State, as far as the State roads are concerned. This can only be done by amending the Constitution. The amount allotted to Texas to date is approximately \$31,000,000 and the allotments in the future will be many millions more. The adoption of the amendment means that we will be assured a connected State system of roads."

Come to Decatur Saturday, July 7 \$75 given away here Saturday!

GOOD ROADS SOON REPAY THEIR COST

A good road is such a paying investment that it is the poorest kind of business judgment to do without it, according to the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture of the United States. The bureau produces figures based upon a survey of traffic in Connecticut to prove its contention. A actual account of the traffic on the Boston post road showed that the average weight of vehicles and commodities passing over the road nine hours each day was 1,140 tons. Adding one-third as a conservative estimate for the whole day increases the weight to 1,520 gross tons daily.

Experiments made at the Iowa experiment station show that will gasoline at twenty-four cents per gallon the cost of moving this tonnage over a dirt road would have been \$26.44 a mile, assuming the impossible, that such traffic could be carried on over a dirt road. The cost of fuel for moving the same tonnage over a paved road would be \$11.70, a difference of \$14.74 a day. On a basis of three hundred days a year the actual saving in fuel alone for moving this tonnage would be \$4,422. If the paved highway costs \$40,000 a mile, the average interest at five per cent would be one dollar a year, which, deducted from the saving on fuel, would leave a balance which would retire the cost of the road in several years. This calculation does not take into account other savings in the day of operating vehicles, or value of the heavy movement of passenger vehicles.

In less developed rural sections the value of the gasoline saved is reduced in proportion to the lighter travel, but the cost of the roads is correspondingly reduced and there is no doubt that an analysis and comparison of the highway costs and the vehicle operating cost in any particular case will demonstrate the economy of improvement wherever the traffic is sufficient to call for any improvement at all.

OILING OF STREETS WILL BE RESUMED

What oil was left in the tank from last year was scattered on the streets of the square Tuesday night. It was too thick to run thru the spray pipes and was merely allowed to pour from the bunk-hole as the tank was drawn along. Even this little oil helped. Arrangements for securing a new supply were being made this week and the square streets will soon have a new summer coat of oil. Requests are coming in from people living on the streets farther out to have their sections oiled. They agree to help pay their share, and if this move succeeds oil might be put on some of the streets farther away from the square.

House Joint Resolution No. 16.

Proposing an amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, which relates to taxation and revenues by adding thereto a new section to be known as section nine-a, directing the legislature to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance, under state control, of a state system of public highways; providing for an election for the ratification or rejection of amendment herein proposed, and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That there be submitted to the people of Texas, for ratification or rejection at a special election provided for herein an amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, amending said article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section nine-a, which shall read as follows:

Section 9a. The legislature is authorized and directed to provide for the creation, establishment, construction, maintenance and repair of a system of improved highways throughout the state to be under the control of the state; and in order that the state

may provide the means, revenue and instrumentalities the establishment and maintenance of such system of highways, the legislature is empowered to levy and cause to be collected specific excise and ad valorem taxes, in addition to those permitted for other purposes in the constitution, but such an ad valorem tax shall be imposed only for the purpose of retiring the bonds authorized by vote of the people of this state as provided for hereinafter in this section.

When said system shall have been designated and taken over for the state as provided in section A hereof, the legislature is authorized to make provision for the equitable compensation to such counties for the value of such improvements as have been theretofore constructed by the counties in the state.

Provided, also that save for the state highway system, in all other respects, counties shall have the right to build, construct and maintain roads, turnpikes and bridges within their respective boundaries and the constitutional provisions relating thereto are not qualified or repealed by reason hereof.

The legislature, at any regular or special session, is authorized and directed to pass and enact all appropriate legislation necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose and intent of these articles.

Section 2. The governor of the state is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1923, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this state for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the state. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the general election laws of the state, and the ballots for said election shall have printed thereon in plain letters the following words:

"OFFICIAL BALLOT:" "For the amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, providing for a state system of highways." "Against the amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, providing for a state system of highways."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "against the amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, providing for a state system of highways." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "for the amendment to article eight, of the constitution of the state of Texas, providing for a state system of highways." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Section 3. The sum of five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.—S. L. STAPLES, secretary of state. (June 15-July 6)

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon William Sweeney, George F. Carpenter, Sallie Carpenter, L. P. Carpenter, Fry Carpenter, Charles D. Grace, E. L. Dahoney, David Smith, Samuel A. Smith, J. B. Smith, Rufus Smith, Sallie B. Smith, Aradia Ferguson, William Ferguson, Helen Reynolds, L. P. Reynolds, William Fortenberry and the unknown heirs of each of the above named parties, by

Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincer, of R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent. I heard of

Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

Theford's Black-Draught (purely vegetable) has been found to relieve constipation, and by stimulating the action of the liver, when it is torpid, helps to drive many poisons out of your system. Biliousness, indigestion, headache, and similar troubles are often relieved in this way. It is the natural way. Be natural! Try Black-Draught.

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making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, on the fourth Monday in November, A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November, A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 5276, wherein E. B. Brown is plaintiff and all of the foregoing parties commanded to be summoned are defendants, and said petition alleging a suit in trespass to try title to 10 1/4 acres of land situated in Wise county, Texas, out of the William Sweeney survey, patent No. 556, volume nineteen, about 16 1/2 miles north 38 east from Decatur.

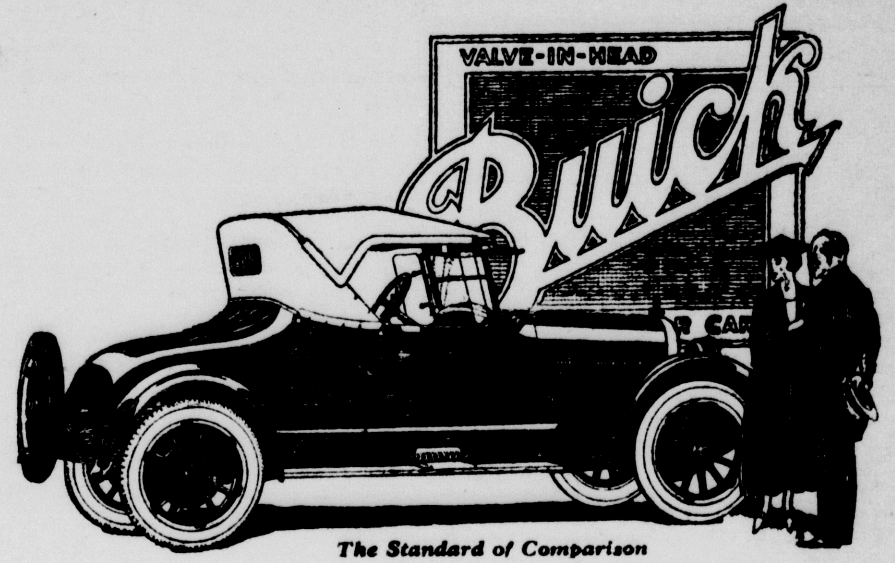
Beginning at the southwest corner of the Robert Townsley survey, which is the south corner of said Sweeney survey, thence north 45 west 431.1 varas to the east corner of the Robert Cowan survey; thence east 340.2 varas to rock on west boundary line of Robert Townsley survey and east boundary line of said Sweeney survey, a corner which is the southwest corner of 23 acres deeded to A. T. and W. E. Fortenberry by David Hardie out of said Townsley survey; thence south 340.2 varas, beginning. Plaintiff alleging that he was ejected from said premises June 5th by defendants and that he is entitled to possession of same and pleads the five, ten and twenty-five years of the statute of limitation that he has used, claimed and cultivated same for more than twenty-five years he and those under whom he claims and paid all taxes due on same and that he and they claimed same by a regular chain of title, the title to same having passed out of the state and he and they have claimed under deeds duly registered at said times and sues for title and possession of said premises and for writ of restitution.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regu-

lar term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal

of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 8th day of June, A. D. 1923.—J. A. MOORE, clerk, district court, Wise county. (June 15-July 6)



A Buick is a Happy Gift

Typifying the very spirit of youth in the sparkling originality of design and in its beauty, this Buick six-cylinder model sport roadster has won the hearts of young people everywhere.

The completeness and luxury of the appointments of the Buick Sport Roadster not only assure every motoring comfort and convenience, but give that smartness and exclusiveness of appearance in which youth revels.

The eager and dependable performance typical of all Buick cars make this sport model ideal for vacation and summer driving.

Fours		Sixes	
1 Pass. Road. - \$2055	2 Pass. Road. - \$1175	4 Pass. Coupe - \$1895	
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3 Pass. Coupe - \$1175	5 Pass. Tour. - \$1395	7 Pass. Sedan - \$1195	
5 Pass. Sedan - \$1395	Sedan - \$1325	Sport Road. - \$1685	
5 Pass. Tour. - \$1325	5 Pass. Sedan - \$1985	Sport Touring - \$1675	
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BLANKET SPECIAL!

ONE DAY ONLY

Saturday, July 7th

Last week we were fortunate enough to secure a big lot of samples in blankets from John V. Farwell's traveling salesman. These blankets will go on sale Saturday at a saving of one-third—this means that you will be able to buy blankets at the following prices—

\$.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$.35
\$ 1.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$.35
\$ 1.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 1.00
\$ 2.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 1.35
\$ 2.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 1.70
\$ 3.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 2.00
\$ 3.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 2.35
\$ 4.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 2.70
\$ 4.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 3.00
\$ 5.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 3.35
\$ 6.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 4.35
\$ 7.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 5.00
\$10.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 6.70
\$12.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$ 8.35
\$15.00 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$10.00
\$19.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$13.00
\$24.50 blankets, for Saturday only.....	\$16.35

You can see these blankets in the window to the west! These blankets will be on sale one day only at these low prices. Remember the date—Saturday, July 7th, 1923.

Local News

NEW FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAIN SCHEDULE.

NORTH BOUND.			
No.	Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
7	10:45 pm	12:21 am	3:00 am
3	7:45 am	9:16 am	11:55 am
1	9:45 am	11:03 am	1:10 pm
5	6:45 pm	8:16 pm	11:55 pm

SOUTH BOUND.			
No.	W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
8	3:00 am	5:26 am	7:00 am
6	8:00 am	10:30 am	12:01 pm
4	1:15 pm	3:45 pm	5:15 pm
2	2:45 pm	5:00 pm	6:20 pm

Miss Lula Huff of Bowie, has been the guest of the Misses Moore.

Judge Sam Ward and Commissioner T. L. St. Clair were in Dallas last week attending a special meeting of county judges and commissioners of the state.

M. T. Belew was here last Monday from Cehina.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wright and Mrs. S. L. Wright of Boyd, spent Sunday with the family of Tom Wright.

Mrs. Julia Tiley left this week for a visit to Alvord and Apache, Oklahoma.

Mrs. H. H. Roberts of Wichita Falls, visited her parents here Sunday.

Hillary Morris has returned from a Fort Worth sanitarium, and is fast recovering from a recent operation.

C. H. Smith and daughter, Miss Mable, were here Monday from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyd have returned from a visit to relatives in San Antonio and Austin.

Mmes. Taylor and Blankenship and Miss Blankenship of Fort Worth, were guests of relatives in the city Friday.

Miss Wynelle Henderson has returned from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Just received a shipment of new ladies' sport shoes and oxfords at Rieger Brothers.

On Tuesday Misses Merle Smith and Thelma Lewis entertained a large number of guests at the home of Mrs. R. L. Thompson in honor of Miss Doris Faith, who is to become the bride of Mr. Archie Hoyl on next Sunday. The occasion was a miscellaneous shower for the popular bride-to-be, and many beautiful and useful gifts were received. Refreshments were served to the many guests present.

Mrs. Carl Griner and daughter have been visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

On last Sunday night Bud Rhine suffered a painful injury to his right eye at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church. The injury was caused by a limb striking the eye. The eye-ball was gashed, but it is not believed that the sight will be seriously damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland of Fort Worth, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson.

State Game Commissioner Walter Boyd and wife were here last Sunday from Austin. While here, Mr. Boyd visited Lake Decatur and expressed his gratification at the manner in which the lake was holding water. He expects to give this lake another shipment of fish just as soon as it is possible.

Mrs. J. A. Smith of Bowie, visited Mrs. D. Y. Lunn last Monday.

F. H. Helm and family of Bridgeport, were here Sunday as guests of the family of Claud Lewis.

Pap Maiden has returned from a stay in Oklahoma.

Bird Lippencott and R. B. McDonald and son, Jim, were here this week from Blue Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar St. Clair of Dallas, spent last Sunday with the family of T. L. St. Clair.

Henry L. Ward of this city, and son, H. G. Ward, of Wichita Falls, left Tuesday for a stay in California. Virginia Sanders entertained a number of her young friends Monday afternoon with a party celebrating her ninth birthday. Refreshments were served to the guests.

Norman Huddleston of the Dallas post office, spent the fourth with relatives here.

Boys, try one of those twenty-five cent size bottles of hair oil at Roe Shoemaker's barber shop. None better.

Miss Trula Barnett has opened an office in the Masonic building, just east of the post office, where she will do stenographic work for the public. Miss Barnett is an efficient stenographer, and will doubtless receive splendid patronage.

Vernice Hampton of Dallas, spent Sunday with his grand-mother, Mrs. Dee Jones, at the home of J. A. Moore.

Mrs. J. J. Burnett of Dallas, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. E. Collins, for several days, returned home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Collins.

Announcement is made that the Decatur Ku Klux Klan will hold its next regular meeting next Monday night at Lake Decatur. It is reported that an interesting program has been arranged.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stockton, on Sunday, July 1st, 1923, a daughter.

On last Wednesday Harold McCarter of this city, won second place with his English setter, "Beans," in the bench show staged by the Lone Star Amateur Field Trial Association. The contest was held at Fort Worth, and some of the best dogs in the state were in the show.

W. P. Brown left this week to spend the summer with his daughter in Tres Piedras, New Mexico.

An ice cream supper will be given at Allison school house Saturday night for the purpose of raising funds to send a boy to the A. & M. College short course.

Dave Kerr delivers fifty pounds of ice weighed at your door for twenty cents.

H. S. Fenwick of Denton, was here yesterday.

Bridgeport ball club lost three games during the picnic. The first was won by the Vehle-Crawford team of Fort Worth Tuesday by a 5 to 3 score. Nobles of Decatur pitched for Bridgeport, and was opposed by Bob White of Fort Worth. Errors had much to do with losing the games. Nobles pitched good ball and rapped a homer. The two games Wednesday were won by the Fort Worth fire department by close scores.

Attorney Charles Fenwick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was here yesterday meeting old friends. Fenwick has been practicing law in Tulsa for several years, and has been very successful since going to the big oil city.

Decatur was the deserted village on the fourth. Most of the business houses closed and most everybody either visited Fort Worth or Bridgeport.

Joe Woolaver of the Valley View community, suffered a broken leg on Tuesday, and his sister, Miss Ida Woolaver, was bruised about the face when they were both thrown from a buggy while en route home from Cowan. They were driving the old grey mare which had long passed the scare-crow age, but the animal became frightened at a bicycle and turned the buggy over. Joe's leg was broken in two places below the knee, and it will be some time before he is about again.

Dave Kerr is delivering ice at forty cents per hundred, weighed at your door.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shankle of Wichita Falls, were Decatur visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clate Coleman visited in Alvarado this week.

S. D. Handly and family of Ringgold, visited relatives here and at Bridgeport this week. They were accompanied home by Miss Christine Nobles.

H. W. Barton of the Archer Oil Company returned to Archer county this week to transact business for his company. His well number five is showing up for over three hundred barrels per day. The well has been flowing by heads, but will be put on the pump. It is expected to be the best producer the company has developed.

A freak of lightning occurred in the Paradise country last Saturday when Kenneth Caldwell, son of Fred Caldwell, was knocked from his seat on a rake by a stroke of lightning from a clear sky. The boy was unconscious for some time, but is recovering nicely from the severe shock. One of the mules hitched to the rake was killed.

Miss Grace Milhollon is visiting in Fort Worth.

A party of young men of the force of the Cisco Daily News visited Decatur Wednesday and paid this office a pleasant call. Those in the party were Editor H. G. Head, Advertising Manager R. T. McGill, Allie Wooten, Brooks Miller and J. T. Wooten.

Misses Edney Mae and Margaret Boyd are visiting relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

Sam Man was here with homefolks from Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Tom Vastine was here Friday from Bowie. Tom is now operating one of the best garage and filling stations in Bowie. His place is the first station in Bowie on the Meridian as you enter the city.

J. G. Gose made a business trip to Dallas Tuesday.

I have a buyer for residence in Decatur—what have you to sell? I also have a good residence for sale. Good business property in Fort Worth for a farm. See me when you have property for sale. L. Ball.

D. J. Moss was here this week from Backenridge.

Judge Sartin and wife of Wichita Falls, spent Saturday night with Judge and Mrs. Sam Ward.

Harry Gose has gone on a trip to Mena, Arkansas, to join his wife and baby for a visit.

Mrs. Pat Lynch has returned from a visit to her daughter in Fort Worth.

Miss Mary Hicks of Wolfe City, has been the guest of Mrs. T. J. McMurray.

An alarm of fire called the department to the home of Alf Brown last Monday. A window curtain had been accidentally set fire by one of the small children, but the flames were extinguished without great damage.

Mrs. Ab Moore and daughter, Miss Imogene, left this week for a visit to Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Day of Rhome, on Sunday, July 1st, 1923, a son.

One-third of three hundred-pound block of ice, factory weight, for twenty-five cents at Dave Kerr's ice house.

N. W. Hatchett, for many years a prominent citizen of Alvord, died at his home in Clarendon last Monday. The remains were brought to Alvord Tuesday, where appropriate funeral services were conducted. Burial services were held under the auspices of the Alvord Masonic lodge, of which order deceased was an honored member. Mr. Hatchett resided in Alvord many years and for some time was prominent in business circles in that city. Judge Sam Ward of Decatur, attended the funeral.

Miss Nettie McCormack of Perkins-Timberlake Company of Bowie, is here on her vacation.

J. Swinney and family of Oklahoma, spent last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boyd.

John Fox Holt and family of Dallas spent Sunday with the family of Jim Holt.

Misses Mattie Baits and Johnnie Blankenship left this week for a stay in Cool Colorado.

Paul Bennett was here Wednesday from Wichita Falls.

John H. Hogg and wife left this week for a trip to California.

Blake Caldwell of Gainesville, has accepted a position with the law firm of McMurray & Gettys as stenographer.

Three hundred-pound blocks of ice, factory weight, for twenty-five cents at Dave Kerr's ice house.

Ethel Smith has returned from a several months' stay in Oklahoma, and is again employed in the post office.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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—CASH IN ADVANCE—

No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

IF YOU HAVE real estate or business property that you would sell or trade write out a full and complete description of same and send to the undersigned. I will find a buyer for it. I have farms to trade for town property, and other properties to trade for farms.—P. T. GRIBBLE, Rhome, Texas. (27)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—My residence on West Main street; six rooms and bath; good well and wind mill. See WILL RENSCHAW, Decatur. (27)

FOR SALE—Deering binder, double-disc plow; one Blunt drill; also two big horse mules, four and five years old. Will sell reasonable.—W. M. LAMBERT, route seven. (27)

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow; fresh; a bargain.—DICK RIEGER, at Rieger Brothers' dry goods store, Decatur. (28)

LOST.

LOST—In Decatur, bill purse containing ten-dollar bill. Reward for return to LUTHER LACKEY, at First National Bank. (28)

LOST—Gold wrist watch with gold chain bracelet; lost in Decatur last Sunday. Reward for return to this office or CHARLEY SPAIN, in Decatur. (27)

FOR RENT.

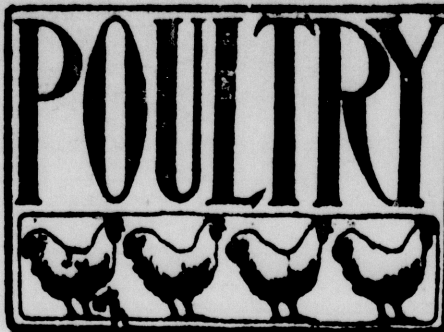
FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms; close in, on East Walnut street.—MRS. S. E. PYEATT. (27)

WANTED.

WANTED—Second-hand steel water tank to use for feed bin; must hold one hundred bushels or more. See me at once.—OUTLER D. GOSE, at post office. (27)

WANTED—Second-hand baby carriage for twins.—OSCAR GARDNER at Perkins-Timberlake Company, Decatur. (29)

WANTED—Man with car to sell complete line high quality tires and tubes. Money making proposition for either full or part time. Exclusive territory.—STERLINGWORTH TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY, East Liverpool, Ohio. (27)



POULTRY

Knowledge, Care and Good Judgment Required to Bring Little Fellows to Maturity.

There is no doubt about the statement that if the mortality among young chicks could be averted and the per cent that dies be brought to maturity, the poultry industry would be one of the largest, if not the largest, in the country.



Family of Sturdy Little Chicks, Well Cared For.

In the country. Thousands upon thousands die each year from improper attention to the youngsters after hatching and thousands fall to hatch from inexperience in handling incubators. To begin with, all eggs should be tested before placing in an incubator or under hens. If this be done only good, strong germ eggs would be used, and those showing defects would be rejected and sent to market for table use. Special attention should be given incubators to see that the thermometer registers just right, and also note that you have the required moisture. Incubators should be started at 101 degrees, 102 second week, and if the hatch is good the thermometer will sometimes go as high as 105 degrees the third week. Those chicks which hatch on the night of the nineteenth day or early on the twentieth will be pretty apt to live, as they were good, strong, 100 per cent fertile eggs. Those that hatch later range in vitality from 50 per cent to 80 per cent. The 100 per cent birds thrive and mature to be standard weight. Those under that die beginning the third day, and sometimes string out for two or three months.

POULTRY SELECTION IS BEST

One of the Quickest and Surest Ways of Making Improvement in Flock—Quality Counts.

One of the quickest and surest ways of getting improvement in poultry is through selection. Too many people have quantity, to the exclusion of quality, in mind. If you want increased production, it would be much better to have six producing birds in a pen with a male from a high producing female than to have a breeding pen of 200 females mated to a bunch of males of unknown origin.

VITAMINES FINE FOR LAYERS

Milk and Green Succulent Plant Growths Are Essential for Hens —Sour Milk Also Good.

Laying hens need vitamins, undoubtedly, and other elements which are found in certain specific types of foods such as milk and green succulent plant growths. The use of sour skim-milk has long been recognized as a splendid supplement to the grain and mash. Feed it in open pans, providing free access. If it can be secured at a reasonable price. Use semi-solid buttermilk at the rate of 3 to 5 pounds to 100 hens per day.

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Rhome News.

Rev. A. J. Leach was in Dallas on last Monday.

John Harris left Thursday for Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Lloyd Douglas was in Paradise for a few days last week.

W. J. Logan is in Mineral Wells, Olney and other points this week.

Mrs. Ones Finlayson and children spent part of last week in Decatur.

E. C. Troxell made a quick business trip to Fort Worth Saturday.

Charles Robertson from McAdoo, is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris and Mrs. E. A. Wright were in Fort Worth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Black of Boyd, were here Friday to see Dr. and Mrs. Childress.

Trades day July 7th. Plenty of diversion and entertainment. Everybody come.

Mrs. B. C. Rhome of Fort Worth, was here Wednesday, guest of Mrs. Quint Woody.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Williams and Miss Mattie Sullivan were recent Fort Worth callers.

Messrs. Frank Killough and Wallace Moore of Decatur, were Rhome visitors Sunday.

Miss Ida Clark of Polytechnic, is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark.

P. S. Bost and young son, Manson, have returned from a ten days' outing at Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian and daughter, Maxine, of Decatur, visited in Rhome Sunday.

Miss Clara Castleberry of Wellington, is visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Bobo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Powell of Sldell, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slimp.

Mrs. T. J. Owen has returned to Spur, after spending two weeks with Mr. J. H. McGlothlin.

Mrs. E. E. Shankle of Fort Worth, after a visit with Mrs. Joe Taylor, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Clawson and Miss Flora Leach have returned from a visit with relatives in Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Leach of Sparkman, Arkansas, arrived Friday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. F. M. Hatler has returned from an extended visit with Mrs. Sterling Chappell of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert De Arman of Fort Worth, were here Sunday, the guests of Mrs. J. C. Douglas.

Z. B. Bobo and daughters, Misses Ann, Florence and Virginia, were in Dallas visiting last Tuesday.

Professor John Sparks left the latter part of last week for Santo, where he is engaged in choir work.

C. E. Martin, former influential citizen of Rhome, now of Breckenridge, was in our midst last week.

Roedo, ball games, races, free money, good bargains, sociability and an all-round good time, Saturday, July 7th.

Mrs. Kate Harris and daughter, Miss Gypsy Coates, left Tuesday for a month's stay in Denver and Colorado Springs.

Misses Ann Bobo, Deta Morris and Merle Van Meter spent Friday night with Miss Florence Bobo at Decatur Baptist College.

Let's resolve to make this the best, biggest, most worth-while trades day yet. Get in the harness, everybody. Let's go July 7th.

Mrs. Appling, Mrs. Atkins, George Pendly and Harry Appling of Forreton, have been guests in the Charley Hudnall home.

Mrs. Alice Baker and grand-son, Millard Austin, have returned to their home in Leetown, Kentucky, after spending a month with Mrs. Hudnall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Alexander and family of Snyder, were guests of friends here last week. Mr. Alexander was formerly cashier of the First National Bank.

Mrs. Roy Gauntt and baby were guests of Mrs. Grover Wright of Fort Worth Monday. They were accompanied home by Leroy Smitherman, who spent last week-end in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Gribble and Misses Ruth Van Meter and Thelma Gribble were at Texas Woman's College in Fort Worth last Friday, making arrangements for entrance of these young ladies as students in the college for the coming winter.

Social Event.

Miss Dairy Russell entertained on Friday evening with a farewell party in honor of her friend, Miss Maud Morris, who will leave this week for her new home in Fort Worth. A jolly good time was had and refreshments were served to the following: Misses Maud Morris, Ethel Littlell, Mounverne Brown, Jaunita Campbell, Fay and Bessie Whitehead, Mildred Simmons, Silvia Williams, Isabel Bryant, Launer Macon Byrom, Marguerite Green, Francis Cates, Messrs. Irvin Watkins, Marco Terry, Eugene Renshaw, Clinton McGhee, Bennie Clark and Lloyd Simmons.

Church Notes.

Baptist Church.

Fairly good attendance at Sunday school; a number of visitors were present which is always a joy. The pastor preached at eleven o'clock from the subject which was studied in Sunday school, "The Greatness of John the Baptist." The sunbeams and juniors studied a delightful lesson on evangelism at their three o'clock service. At night Rev. W. L. Leach of Sparkman, Arkansas, occupied the pulpit. His sermon was much enjoyed. The pastor is spending several days in Dallas this week.

Presbyterian Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society met Monday afternoon with a good attendance and interesting lesson. The following program will be given Monday, July 16th:

Opening song—"Somebody Loves You"—Tis Jesus.

Prayer—Miss Georgia Beard.

Roll call—Give history of life of a hero or a heroine from Bible.

Music, "Language of the Flowers"—Marguerite Green.

"The Church and Its Missionaries at Home and Abroad"—Mrs. J. D. Burch.

Reading, "The Pioneer"—Jewell Randolph.

Memory test of the books of the New Testament—Mary Ne Smith.

Bible story, "Luke the Evangelist"—Mrs. W. T. Leonard.

Closing song—"I Love My Life to Thee."

Dismiss with Lord's prayer.

Denver Train Schedule.

South Bound.

No. 8—5:55 a. m.—Thru train, receives mail.

No. 6—11:00 a. m.—Local.

No. 4—4:20 p. m.—Local, receives and dispatches mail.

No. 2—5:25 p. m.—Thru train, receives and dispatches mail.

North Bound.

No. 3—8:46 a. m.—Local, receives and dispatches mail.

No. 1—10:38 a. m.—Thru train, receives and dispatches mail.

No. 5—7:45 p. m.—Local, receives mail.

No. 7—11:30 p. m.—Thru train, receives and dispatches mail.

All mail for dispatch should reach the post office thirty minutes before train time.

Crop Conditions.

Prairie Crops.

We are glad to report that threshing is progressing nicely. Labor seems to be plentiful and one more week of fair weather will find most crops threshed. The yield per acre on most farms thus far has pleasantly surprised the farmers with a better turn-out than they had expected.

J. W. Layfield averaged thirty-one bushels of wheat per acre—the best yield so far; E. P. Carpenter averaged twenty bushels of wheat and sixty-five bushels of oats; R. J. Anderson averaged twenty-two bushels of wheat; Earl Van Meter made seventeen bushels, even after the damage to his wheat by floods.

Corn is holding up fine, although a rain would mature it to a fuller fruitage. Cotton is doing exceedingly well. All in all, prospects are very satisfying. A good rain in a week or ten days for cotton and stubble land would put everything in real good shape.

Timber Land Crops.

Grain crops in this vicinity have averaged a very fair yield. The wheat crop on the Jeff Beauchamp farm was an exception; in fact, Mr. Beauchamp said it was the best yield he had had in seventeen years. One thirty-acre field made an average of twenty-three bushels, which scaled around sixty. The remaining acreage on this farm made an average of fifteen bushels. Other wheat crops reported anywhere from ten bushels to fifteen bushels as an average.

The oats and barley crops are making very good yields, notwithstanding the unfavorable season for these crops. The average crop will make a good yield as we have rain soon. However, the corn planted in creek and river bottoms will make good corn at any rate.

Peanuts were planted late, but the raisers have good stands and, with a good rain, an old-time peanut crop will be harvested. The cotton was also planted late, but has been well tended; is growing very fast and quite a lot is fruiting. So far, very little complaint has been made of the weevil—the dry hot days have been against him.

There will be an abundance of feed stuff raised this year such as feterita, sudan, cane, maize, Johnson grass and pea. These crops do not require much rain; in fact, most of these have been heretofore planted and harvested with no rain whatever.

Ladies of the Baptist church will give a market on trades day, July 7th, in the post office building. Nice place to rest while choosing your purchase. Patronize us. The Methodist ladies announce a market for next trades day which will be in August.

Aurora News.

C. W. Williamson spent Sunday with homefolks in Decatur.

J. D. Reid spent last week in Decatur, serving on the jury.

Mis Leona Flores of Rhome, spent the week with Miss Gladys Hines.

P. T. Gribble of Rhome, attended our Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dorn Beauchamp of Decatur, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Simmons and daughter, Miss Jennie Belle, visited Mrs. W. N. George, who is sick at Harris' sanitarium in Fort Worth.

Harvey Reid went to Arlington with Mr. W. M. Love Thursday to enter the poultry judging contest held there. Harvey won four hundred and fifteen points out of five hundred.

The girls' club held their regular meeting Wednesday. Miss Taylor was accompanied by Miss Ben Edwards, district home demonstrator of A. & M. College. At this meeting the girls planned to serve sandwiches and the like at Boyo on their first trades day, July 21st. The funds are to be used in sending a representative to the farmers' short course at A. & M. College soon.

Newark News.

Mr. W. A. Hill was a Fort Worth visitor Thursday.

Mr. R. A. Hudson was in Fort Worth on business Saturday.

Mr. Avery Raspberry attended the funeral in Decatur Thursday of A. C. Bennett Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. D. Lewis of Fort Worth, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Rogers and daughters, Misses Lenore and Ruth, were guests of relatives in Rhome Sunday.

Mrs. Will Van Zandt and daughters, Misses Mildred and Martha Ann, of Dido, visited Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harrison.

Mmes. R. A. Hudson and H. W. Lasster attended the funeral of A. C. Bennett Jr. in Decatur Thursday. A. C. was a nephew of the former.

Mrs. Albert Baker suffered a broken limb Saturday morning when she fell as she was going down the steps of her home here. She is reported to be resting easily.

Douglasville News.

J. E. Norman and H. S. Ford were Fort Worth visitors last week.

Mrs. E. F. Smith and Miss Eber Stockton spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Dacus.

Misses Ina, Melba and Edith Ford are guests of Miss Erma Wallace at Bridgeport this week.

Mrs. Lucy Looney visited her daughter, Mrs. M. Holt, Friday afternoon.

M. T. E. Byrom and family were shopping in Rhome Saturday.

Mr. Walter Looney is working at Saginaw this week.

Miss Jessie Willis was guest of Miss Gladys Boyd at Rhome Sunday.

Mr. Cora Douglas of Newark, is visiting M. M. Ford and family this week.

Next Saturday is trades day again in Rhome. Seems like everybody always has a good time, so we will all go.

Church Directory.

Following is the permanent church directory of the churches at Rhome, the various services and officers of each department being given:

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching every fourth Sunday in each month, morning and evening. Sunday school at ten a. m. L. R. Randolph, superintendent. Ladies' aid society Monday at three p. m. Mrs. J. D. Burch, president. W. A. Binyon, pastor.

Methodist Church.

Preaching each second and fourth Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school at ten a. m. S. A. Lowance, superintendent. Missionary society, Monday at three p. m. Mrs. P. T. Gribble, president. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evenings. E. G. Roberts, pastor.

Baptist Church.

Preaching each first and third Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school at ten a. m. W. F. Willis, superintendent. Ladies' auxiliary on Monday at three p. m. Mrs. W. E. McGhee, president. Junior and sunbeam band Sunday at three p. m. Mrs. C. E. Shaw, leader. Miss Flora Leach, assistant. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. A. J. Leach, pastor.

Trades Day.

The usual big event and the usual prizes and premiums will be given as heretofore. Come and get with us. Drink free ice water and be free money. Co-operation and good times are the words.

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